The Great Succession

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INTRODUCTION

On the 16th of February 2017 it will be the 75th year since the great leader Generalissimo **KIM JONG IL** was born on Mt Paektu, the sacred mountain of the Korean revolution. Although he passed away a few years ago, the sense of loss and the yearning of the Korean and world people for Chairman **KIM JONG IL** have not diminished but have become stronger with the passage of time.

He was not born in comfortable or easy or peaceful surroundings but in a simple log cabin on blizzard- swept Mt. Paektu during the fierce anti-Japanese armed struggle.

As a senior school student and university student he participated in manual labour such as the work of reconstructing Pyongyang and also in production practice at Lathe No 26 at the Pyongyang Textile Machine Factory.

Never an armchair leader but always a man of action, **KIM JONG IL** became involved in the work of leadership of both the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK revolutionary armed forces from the 1960s. To the end of his life he was always dressed in a simple parka which he wore for many years. He had simple meals of rice balls or plain congee. He was a very hard-working leader. He was never afraid of visiting cold or wind-swept areas or frontline units. Chairman **KIM JONG IL** passed away on train whilst on field guidance in December 2011. He was a leader who lived for the people.

Respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** referred to the life of General **KIM JONG IL** by saying that **"Though he devoted his all throughout his life to the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people, the General left nothing for himself. He was on the most intensive forced march, taking not a moment's rest, until he breathed his last on a moving train. Such a leader has never been witnessed anywhere in the world. He lives on as the father of the nation and General Secretary of our Party in the hearts of our people and service personnel, who believed in him as in heaven, and the world's people recognize this."**

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** developed the Juche idea in depth by writing the famous treatise "***On the Juche Idea***" and many other works on the Juche philosophy. This treatise clarified the quintessence of the Juche idea that man is the master of everything and decides everything, and elucidated that man is the only social being which has independence, creativity and consciousness.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** was well-versed in all fields including philosophy.

Indeed he has written lots of books not only on politics and military but also on many subjects such as the cinema, opera, art, music and historiography.

KIM JONG IL conducted Songun politics. This was essential to defend the DPRK's independence and socialist system from the encroachments on its sovereignty by US imperialism.

I remember seeing the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** at the national meeting to mark the 90th Day of the Sun in April 2002. I knew at the time that he was 60 years old, but when he strode to the podium of the meeting with Party and state officials, he looked much younger. He had a most dignified bearing with a straight back. My guide at the time exclaimed at the top of her

voice, "General **KIM JONG IL!**" The affection of the people of the DPRK for their leaders is quite genuine, unaffected and certainly not stage managed or directed. I remember visiting the KPA Military Hardware Museum in September 2012 and my guide, a young lady, started crying when she saw the electric car that had been presented to **KIM JONG IL** but sadly he never got a chance to use it.

KIM JONG IL adorned history with many great achievements by carrying forward the Juche revolutionary cause, started by President **KIM IL SUNG**.

DPRK which is today led by Marshal **KIM JONG UN**, the dependable and faithful successor to **KIM JONG IL,** is the legacy that **KIM JONG IL** has bequeathed. Often a man is judged by the legacy that he bequeaths to the world. The legacy that **KIM JONG IL** bequeathed is DPRK today, a thriving and vigorous society free from decadence, stagnation, chaos and confusion.

Visiting DPRK several times since 2012 I have witnessed the amazing reality where everything is advancing at a new Korean speed. Walking around the streets at night during my visit in October 2015 I did not see a homeless person or a beggar, this was amazing as they are a common sight in London.

DPRK is standing firm against US imperialism.

For the ease of the reader the book is divided into two parts, the first part deals with the revolutionary activities of **KIM JONG IL** and his building of a powerful nation of Juche and the second part explains the superiority of Juche-based socialism and includes eye witness accounts from my visits to the DPRK from 2008.

The 75th birth anniversary of Chairman **KIM JONG IL** will be celebrated, together with the 105th birth anniversary of the President **KIM IL SUNG** and the 5th anniversary of the election of the respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** as supreme

leader of the Korean people, by the Korean people and world revolutionary people. Already preparatory committees have been formed in many lands.

This very modest book has been written to celebrate the life and achievements of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** on the 75th anniversary of his birth.

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PART ONE

SUCCESSION TO KIM IL SUNG'S CAUSE

CHAPTER ONE

THE GREAT SUCCESSOR TO THE JUCHE CAUSE

The Chairman **KIM JONG IL** was the great successor to the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG**, the eternal president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Although Chairman **KIM JONG IL** became Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army in 1991, Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK in 1993 and General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea in 1997, he had in fact guided the Korean revolution for many decades.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** started working at the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on the 19th of June in 1964 and this was a great landmark in the development of the Korean revolution, the Juche revolution and the Songun revolution.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** had begun his Songun revolutionary leadership on the 25th of August, 1960 when he visited the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the Korean People's Army.

The respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** said

"The period, during which the General developed our Party into the party of President KIM IL SUNG with his unexcelled ideas and theory and outstanding leadership, spanned more than half a century. He developed our Party into a revolutionary party in which the leaders' ideological and leadership systems are firmly established, into a

motherly party which has formed a harmonious whole with the masses of the people and serves them, and into an invincible party with iron discipline and fighting efficiency, and he demonstrated the dignity and might of KIM IL SUNG's Korea to the whole world; these constitute his most distinguished achievements, and they should be brilliantly etched in the annals of our Party."

From his early age Chairman **KIM JONG IL** pledged himself to carry forward the Juche cause and glorify Korea as the country of Juche. Whilst at university he was a strong defender and exponent of the revolutionary ideas of President **KIM IL SUNG**. He organised circles amongst the students to study the revolutionary ideas and life of the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG.**

KIM JONG IL had made a deliberate and conscious choice to study at **KIM IL SUNG** University, the highest seat of Juche-orientated learning in the country.

He had declined offers to study at a foreign university, which was reputed at the time to be one of the best ones in the socialist camp, indeed in the world, but had chosen to study in his own country at **KIM IL SUNG** University, which he preferred to any foreign universities. He said,

"I'm always thinking of how to enhance the glory of our socialist homeland, liberated and developed by our leader. Exalting the socialist homeland for ever is the way to remain true to his revolutionary vision and leadership. Looking around the university of this country, I have strengthened my determination to study in KIM IL SUNG University. I will study in KIM IL SUNG University."

Being a very profound thinker, scholar and philosopher he made a poetic vow whilst at university.

As I stand on Ryongnam Hill at sunrise,
The land of 3 000 ri greets my eyes.
Learning the leader's great idea,
I will be the master of the revolution in this land, Korea.
0 Korea, I will add glory to thee.

On the road of Juche I will be firm and steady
Under the guidance of the great leader.
Braving the raging waves and storms,
I will lead Korea into the future.
O Korea, I will make thee famous.

I will go on for ever with the cause of the sun
That shines over the whole world.
I will bring about the era of communism
When the red glow of Juche will cover the earth.
O Korea, my Korea!

Whilst studying at **KIM IL SUNG** University Chairman **KIM JONG IL** gave the answers to many important theoretical, philosophical and intellectual questions such as the unification of the three kingdoms which was a burning historiographical issue.

KIM JONG IL's new thinking of the issue contributed to Juche-orientated historiography and dealt a telling blow to the flunkeyism, great power chauvinists and imperialists. Chairman **KIM JONG IL** also wrote an excellent thesis on modern imperialism and on the role of the county in socialist construction.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** began his work at the Central Committee of the Workers' Party in 1964. On starting work he said,

"**Now that I am to work at the Party Central Committee, my shoulders are heavy with a sense of responsibility for the Korean revolution.**

The Party Central Committee is the General Staff of the Korean revolution and the highest leadership of the revolution which guides politics, the economy, culture, military affairs and all other sectors of the country. The future and the destiny of our country and our people depend on how the officials at the Party Central Committee work.

As I start working at the Party Central Committee, I am more firmly determined than ever to work wholeheartedly under the sagacious leadership of Comrade KIM IL SUNG for the prosperity of the country and for the freedom and happiness of the people."

When Chairman **KIM JONG IL** started working at the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea he ensured that a strong all-Party struggle was waged to stamp out the evil ideological after-effects of th e an ti-Party re visionists. In the 1950s anti-Party counter-revolutionary factionalists had tried to overthrow the leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea at the behest of big power chauvinists and revisionists. Whilst at university, **KIM JONG IL** battled against these rogues. The President **KIM IL SUNG** defeated the factionalists fairly and squarely at the August 1956 plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the WPK. However their influence lingered in the Party and society long after they were Idefeated.n 1967 at the 15th Plenary Meeting of the Fourth Central Committee of the WPK the remaining factionalists were defeated and eliminated.

A central question was to establish the monolithic ideological system within the party.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** addressed this question;

"**The Party's monolithic ideological system is, in other words, the leader's ideological system and system of guidance. In our Party there can only be the leader's revolutionary idea and guidance. Without them the existence of our Party is inconceivable. The revolutionary idea of the great leader is the eternal guiding ideology of our Party and revolution. Thanks to the wise guidance of the leader our people could not only victoriously fight their way across tens of thousands of *ri* in the bloody war against the Japanese imperialists, and defeat the US imperialist aggressors in the three-year-long Fatherland Liberation War, but also succeed in the postwar reconstruction and socialist revolution and achieve miraculous successes in the building of socialism, to the admiration of the people throughout the world.**

We must improve the education on Party policy, the revolutionary traditions and socialist patriotism of Party members and the working people. The main emphasis in the education needs to be on the establishment of the Party's monolithic ideological system."

Thus the establishment of the monolithic ideological system became the order of the day and Chairman **KIM JONG IL** put forward the unique line of making the WPK the party of the leader. The unity and oneness of ideology within the WPK was a decisive factor in strengthening leadership over the socialist revolution and socialist construction. In many countries particularly the capitalist countries the communist and workers' parties did not ensure oneness in ideology but embarked on the road of bourgeois liberalism even go as far to allow and encourage different ideologies within the party with the result that these parties eventually collapsed.

The Chairman **KIM JONG IL** after making profound studies decided to deepen and broaden the work of establishing the

monolithic ideological system by not only basing the party on the Juche idea but also by modelling the whole society on **Kimilsungism**.

This concept was put forward in February 1974 in the work "***On Some Immediate Tasks to Be Tackled in the Party's Ideological Work for Modelling the Whole Society on Kimilsungism***".

This brought about a great upsurge in carrying on the revolution and the WPK's ideological work. Also after the proclamation of the programme the flames of the "speed campaign" flared up among the workers in the mid-1970s, creating the "70-day-campaign speed". Industrial output value increased at the amazing pace of 70%! This was truly spectacular as it topped the DPRK high rate of growth during the Chollima era of the late 1950s and moreover exceeded that of the USSR in the 1930s(some had upheld Stalin's USSR as the model of high growth). During the speed campaign many new buildings were constructed and a bumper harvest reaped in agriculture.

Since then, the WPK has further strengthened into the party of President **KIM IL SUNG** to dynamically advance the revolution and construction under the uplifted banner of the Juche idea.

The Chairman **KIM JONG IL** whilst working at the Central Committee of the WPK guided many different fields of work, such as the economy, defence, international affairs and many other fields. He paid always close attention to culture and authored the work "***On the Art of Opera***", a work of true genius which clarified many issues in the development of the socialist opera. **KIM JONG IL** actually gave direct guidance to a number of films. For example he gave guidance to the making of the classic anti-American film "*The Family of Choe Hak Sin*". The film the "*The Flower Girl*", based on the immortal classic work by the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG,** was guided

by **KIM JONG IL** and it won international acclaim including a prize at the 1972 Karoly Vary International Film Festival.

Whilst guiding the work of socialist construction **KIM JONG IL** took steps to ensure that the principle of self-reliance was strictly adhered to.

In his December 1978 work "***Let Us Increase the Party's Fighting Efficiency and Bring about a Fresh Turn in the Building of Socialism***" he put forward the dynamic revolutionary slogan "***Let Us Live Our Own Way!***" This slogan is a striking and bold slogan, a militant revolutionary slogan that declares Korea's will to live its own way free from imperialism. It was an expression of the Juche-based faith of the DPRK, guided by the great President **KIM IL SUNG**, to independently and self-reliantly construct socialism without being fettered by big power-chauvinism or US imperialism.

At the time when the slogan was put forward, the DPRK faced intense pressure from the modern revisionists and opportunists as well as the sanctions and blockades of the US imperialists and the machinations of the south Korean puppets. In order to counter these manifold attempts to derail the building of socialism, a high degree of self-reliance was required. It was the demand of the times. This became the watchword and manifesto of Juche-based socialism, enabling the Korean revolution to advance militantly along the path of self-reliance defeating the big power chauvinists, dominationists and revisionists.

As the loyal disciple of President **KIM IL SUNG**, Chairman **KIM JONG IL** worked very hard to develop and systematise the Juche idea. The summation of this work was the publication of the immortal thesis "***On The Juche Idea***" on the 31st of March 1982. **KIM JONG IL** also published a number of other works on the Juche idea such as "***On Some Pproblems of Education in the Juche Idea***", "***On Establishing the Juche Outlook on***

the Revolution" and "***The Juche Philosophy Is an Original Revolutionary Philosophy***".

Some people had taken the Juche idea as simply meaning self-reliance and independence. Of course the application of the Juche idea to the field of state activity does indeed mean Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence. However **KIM JONG IL** deepen the nature of the Juche idea into the intellectual and philosophical essence. Essentially the Juche idea is crystallised in the independent stand and the creative stand. The independent stand means rejecting dependence on others and solving problems on one's own initiative. The creative stand means relying on the creativity and initiative of the masses. Furthermore Chairman **KIM JONG IL** defined the nature of man as having independence, creativity and consciousness.

The vitality and correctness of the Juche idea has been proved many times over. In the recent period many countries have suffered crisis, depression and many problems due to the fact that they did not follow the road of independence and self-reliance but instead put their faith in getting handouts from the imperialists. Many countries are suffering from unemployment and poverty but one country in the world is free from crisis with an expanding economy and does not need bailouts from the World Bank and the IMF. That country is Juche Korea, the country of the great President **KIM IL SUNG** and the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL**.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** did not succeed to the leadership of the Party and State under ideal conditions. Far from the ideal conditions. When **KIM JONG IL** took the helm of the party and state after President **KIM IL SUNG** passed away in 1994, Korean people faced severe challenges such as the collapse of the world socialist market owing to the frustration of socialism

in the former USSR and other countries, also recurrent natural disaster and the intensified moves of the imperialists to stifle the DPRK the bastion of true socialism.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** ensured the cause and ideas of the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG**. Chairman **KIM JONG IL** made public various famous works including "***The Workers' Party of Korea Is the Party of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG***", "***Socialism Is a Science***", "***Giving Priority to Ideological Work Is Essential for Accomplishing Socialism***" in the middle of the 1990s when the U.S.-led imperialist reactionary forces were engaged in vicious moves, spreading the doctrine of "collapse" of the WPK and socialist system with the demise of President **KIM IL SUNG** as the occasion.

KIM JONG IL said just one year after the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** passed away

"**In order to carry forward the sacred cause of Comrade KIM IL SUNG, the revolutionary cause of Juche, from generation to generation, we must further consolidate our Party, which organizes and guides all the victories of our people.**

We must hold in high esteem the beloved Comrade KIM IL SUNG as the eternal leader of our Party and revolution, and develop our Party as the glorious Party of Comrade KIM IL SUNG for ever.

We must defend his great ideas, theories and revolutionary methods of leadership, and thoroughly apply them in Party building and activities. We must do all the work of the revolution and construction just as Comrade KIM IL SUNG planned and intended and showed in his personal example, and we must conduct everything in the same way as Comrade KIM IL SUNG. This is the way to develop our Party as the Party of Comrade KIM IL SUNG and the way to brilliantly inherit and complete the revolutionary cause of Juche."

This was a solemn declaration of **KIM JONG IL** to carry forward the Juche revolutionary cause of President **KIM IL SUNG** with profound honour and dignity. The following chapters will explain how Chairman **KIM JONG IL** carried forward the cause of President **KIM IL SUNG** facing down all the challenges of the imperialists and reactionaries.

CHAPTER TWO

STAUNCH ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEADER

Socialism is not built amidst nice and easy conditions. It is never built in the condition that the imperialists and class enemies abide by a set of rules and play fair. As a matter of fact socialism is built in conditions of intense confrontation with imperialism.

KIM JONG IL always maintained a stance anti-imperialist stand because he had grown up amidst the atmosphere of anti-imperialist struggle.

From his early years **KIM JONG IL** learned about taking a tough anti-imperialist stand and line. He was born during the great anti-Japanese war as the son of the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG**, the illustrious iron-willed commander who defeated the Japanese, and the anti-Japanese war heroine KIM JONG SUK. **KIM JONG IL** spent the early years of his life within the earshot of the gunshots of the great anti-Japanese war. As a young child he witnessed the great victorious Fatherland Liberation War of the Korean people against the US imperialist aggressors. This hardened him into an iron-willed anti-imperialist who never compromised with the US imperialists.

Therefore it was logical that during the years of his leadership **KIM JONG IL** maintained a tough anti-imperialist stand. Right to the very last.

Whilst at university **KIM JONG IL** wrote a brilliant work, titled "***On the Characteristics of Modern Imperialism and***

Its Aggressive Nature". In the work he completely refuted the fallacy of the modern revisionists that the nature of imperialism had somehow changed and that it was no longer aggressive, that it was even a friend and helper to the socialist countries and the progressive peoples of the world. He made the following deep analysis of the structural nature of modern imperialism.

He said

"... **Modern imperialism is imperialism that is not merely based on monopolistic domination but has state monopolistic capitalism as its political and economic basis. It relies on neo-colonialism old colonialism, not on the colonialism of the past. The various imperialist countries do not exist in parallel, but have been reorganized so that they are dependent on one another with the United States as their ringleader. Modern imperialism is making a last-ditch effort to prevent itself from falling into ruin, and is not growing and gaining strength."**

This work showed the acute intellect of **KIM JONG IL** and his revolutionary anti-imperialist, anti-revisionist stance.

In the late 1960s the situation in and around Korea became fraught as the US imperialists greatly intensified their moves to destroy by force of arms the still young People's Republic led by the great President **KIM IL SUNG** in the northern half of Korea. Internationally the situation deteriorated considerably as the US imperialists stepped in aggression in Vietnam and many lands of the globe. In Korea the US imperialists committed many provocations such as the "Pueblo Incident" and EC121 incident.

On the 23rd of January 1968 *Pueblo*, an armed spy ship of the US (sent to spy on the DPRK and other socialist countries), was captured 7 miles off Wonsan on the east coast of the DPRK. Its crew were armed and so was the ship, as it had a machine gun mounted at the stern. A small group of KPA

sailors overpowered 80 US personnel and captured them. The US imperialists arrogantly demanded the immediate return of both the ship and crew. Some lily-livered revisionist cowards, traitors and renegades told the DPRK to just give into the US imperialists demand. However the DPRK stood firm.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** announced not to return the ship by saying

"**Well, I will not release the crew of the *Pueblo* unless the Americans submit a letter of surrender. And since the ship is our booty, I will not return it even if they present a letter of surrender to us. I will have the US armed spy ship, which has been captured by our People's Army, displayed at an exhibition to tell posterity that this is the spy ship we seized from the Americans.**"

The US imperialists had no alternative but to write a letter of apology.

Decades later, in 1990s, the US imperialists perceived an opportunity to stifle DPRK the last bastion of socialism after the frustration of socialism in some countries so they created the "nuclear issue" and put pressure on the DPRK. Virtually simultaneously the US imperialists instigated the International Atomic Energy Authority of the UN to demand an inspection of a non nuclear key military site and staged the Team Spirit 1993 war exercise in south Korea. **KIM JONG IL**, the Supreme Commander of the KPA ordered the KPA and paramilitary forces such as the Worker-Peasant Red Guards and Young Red Guards into a semi-state and at the same time the DPRK declared its intention of withdrawing from the one-sided Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. This shook the US imperialists rigid and they had no alternative but to come out for high level talks with the DPRK.

The regime of Bush nullified the agreements that had been reached by the DPRK with the previous Clinton administration

of US. Moreover Bush branded the DPRK as part of the "axis of evil", "an outpost of tyranny" and also designated the DPRK the target of a nuclear first strike.

Great generalissimo **KIM JONG IL** declared that the DPRK would counter the hard line of the US with a harder line of their own. The DPRK actioned its withdrawal from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty on the 10th of January 2003. The statement of the DPRK government declared *It is none other than the US which wrecks peace and security on the Korean Peninsula and drives the situation there to an extremely dangerous phase....The withdrawal from the NPT is a legitimate self-defensive measure taken against the US moves to stifle the DPRK.*

On the 9th of October 2006 the DPRK carried out its first nuclear test. This was a decisive blow against US imperialism. In 2009 the US imperialists and their vassal states as well as some big powers, that had cosied up to the US imperialists, told the DPRK that it should not launch its artificial satellite Kwangmyongsong 2. However **KIM JONG IL** ignored the pressure of the US imperialists and the big powers and the rocket blasted off into the sky. When the UN Security Council, a marionette of the US imperialists condemned the launch and slapped severe sanctions on the DPRK, the DPRK responded with another nuclear test on the 25th of May as KCNA reported, *The test will contribute to defending the sovereignty of the country and the nation and socialism and ensuring peace and security on the Korean Peninsula and the region around it with the might of Songun.*

This test was conducted in defiance of the US imperialists and big powers! Chairman **KIM JONG IL** had thrown a nuclear thunderbolt of Songun at the feet of the US imperialists and their followers. Thus the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** thwarted the moves of the US imperialists to stifle DPRK by force. The Songun politics of **KIM JONG IL** actually prevented

the outbreak of war on the Korean peninsula. With the strengthening of the self-reliance national defence whose pivot is nuclear forces, the land of Korea in which the Korean nation has lived harmoniously for over 5 000 years will be a peaceful paradise where the people are free from war and the Korean people's long-cherished desire to realize the cause of national reunification will be achieved under the ideal of *By Our Nation Itself* against foreign invention and domination.

LEADER WHO DEFENDED THE SOCIALIST PRINCIPLE

The imperialist attempts to stifle Juche-based socialism took different forms. The great leader generalissimo **KIM JONG IL** was a leader who stood by the socialist principle in whatever adversity. The world knows many leaders who claimed that they stood by socialism and some were even leaders of socialist countries. Of course it can be said that one stood by socialist principles in easy conditions but what is more important is to uphold them in difficulties and challenges! The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, founded by the great President **KIM IL SUNG,** built socialism in confrontation with imperialism and class **KIM JONG IL** enemies, not in easy conditions.said,

"**The struggle for socialism is accompanied by sharp class struggle against imperialism and all kinds of class enemies; class struggle continues till the final victory of the cause of socialism and communism. All the working people and the rising generation must resolutely fight against the challenges of the imperialists headed by the US imperialists, and other class enemies, with the hatred for all forms of exploitative society and exploiter class and with the spirit of fighting uncompromisingly against them.**"

This is a realistic and sound summing up of the realities of building socialism but regrettably the leaders of some socialist countries appeared to be unaware of or deliberately chose to ignore.

KIM JONG IL, the eternal General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, adhered strictly to the socialist principle and always opposed the revisionist concept of "reform" and "open-up."

From his early days he had always opposed modern revisionism. Whilst at university he gave talks, titled, "***On the Reactionary Nature of Modern Revisionism and Our Party's Revolutionary Stand in the Anti-Revisionist Struggle***" on December 29, 1962. He visited students from anti-revisionist Albania, who were studying at **KIM IL SUNG** University, to show solidarity with them after the revisionists and big power chauvinists put pressure on Albania.

In the late 1980s modern revisionism reared its ugly head, taking new and dangerous forms and finally degenerated into modern social democracy, thus they brought about the frustration of socialism in the former USSR.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** stressed the importance of holding firmly to socialist principles. In his work "***The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party***" he explained the danger of a ruling party in a socialist country diluting or retreating from its principles.

Later speaking to officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on the 23rd of July 1992, he gave an exposition of the need to maintain fidelity to revolutionary and class principles.

"**Firmly maintaining our country's revolutionary principles today is extremely important in carrying the revolutionary cause of Juche through to completion. For us to defend our revolutionary principles is the only way to achieve the independent reunification of the country and build socialism and communism. This is all the more important, since the imperialists and other reactionaries**

have been turning the spearhead of their attack against our country after the collapse of socialism and the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union and East European countries."

When the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** passed away the imperialists and some others expressed the hope that the DPRK would pursue a policy of "reform" and "open-up", policy that have been so disastrous in other countries. For example "glasnost" and "perestroika" had destroyed the former Soviet Union with its 70 year long history of building and in other country which had adopted "reform" and "open-up" very little socialism can be seen, except of the red flag on buildings.

The scheming imperialists who leave no stone unturned to dismantle socialism sent messages to the DPRK through different channels saying that the DPRK would be given huge amounts of aid if they adopted "reform" and "open-up".

The great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** declared "***EXPECT NO CHANGE FROM ME!***" This was a loud rebuff to the enemies of socialism who entertained high hopes of restoring capitalism in the DPRK and make it a slave colony of the US and world imperialism.

KIM JONG IL perceptively warned against the sly and cunning tricks of the imperialists to restore capitalism in a speech "***On Some Problems Arising in the Implementation of the Party's Foreign Trade First Policy***" made on the 2nd of February 1995 in which he said,

"**No one in the world is as greedy as a capitalist. There is no precedent for imperialists and capitalists giving something for nothing. If they promise to give us something, they do so because they have an ulterior motive. It is in the malicious nature of imperialists and capitalists to cause an illness first, and then administer medicine. We should never be taken in by their promise of financial aid.**"

This shows how astute **KIM JONG IL** was.

Later in his 1997 work "***On Preserving the Juche Character and National Character of the Revolution and Construction***" **KIM JONG IL** denounced the so-called prescriptions of the imperialists for other countries:

"**As reality shows, in the countries which accepted the imperialist 'prescription,' social problems and economic difficulties have become more serious and national disputes become more chronic. The countries which are suffering social and economic difficulties and national disputes must reject the 'prescription' of the imperialists which only worsens their conditions. They must break through the difficulties following their own prescription.**"

These words are a powerful rallying appeal against the imperialist and neo-colonialist politics of independence. **KIM JONG IL**'s work is a powerful manifesto against the insane globalization of the imperialists. Sadly many countries have swallowed the so-called "prescriptions" of the imperialists, a poison pill that brings about debts, unemployment and economic disaster.

The pressure on the DPRK to "reform" and "open-up" was immense.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** strongly countered this.

On the 1st of January 1999 **KIM JONG IL** spoke to Senior Officials of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea

"**We should build a great, prosperous and powerful country under the banner of self-reliance.**

… …

We must never be captivated by the 'restructuring' and 'openness' advertised so much by the imperialists. 'Restructuring' and 'openness' are the way to national ruin. We must not tolerate them to the slightest degree."

Later, 2008 in the work "***The Democratic People's Republic of Korea Is a Juche-oriented Socialist State with Invincible***

Might" **KIM JONG IL** denounced "reform" and "open-up" by saying,

"**The 'reform' and 'openness' the imperialist reactionaries are advocating represent a move to destroy and put down our style of socialism. Such moves will only worsen their relations with us and are doomed to failure.**"

This smashed the insidious and evil moves of the imperialists and renegades to undermine and destroy Juche-based socialism by means of "open-up" and "reform". It is a plain and simple fact that socialist countries go down the drain once they adopted "reform" and "open-up".

Some people talk about an "open door" but if you leave your front door of your house open, robbers can come in and steal everything or hooligans can rush in and smash up the place.

By standing firm and adhering to revolutionary and class principles the DPRK stood out as the bastion of true socialism that greatly inspires the peoples of the world aspiring for independence and socialism. Many people are deeply impressed by the DPRK's anti-revisionist, anti-"reform" stand.

Thus the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** stuck to the road of Juche and self-reliance charted by the President **KIM IL SUNG** and was a fervent anti-revisionist, anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist!

Towards the end of the 20th century the cause of socialism faced an even more difficult situation. In the late 1980s and early 1990s an abnormal situation arose in the international communist movement when the Soviet Union and other socialist countries under the guise of "glasnost" and "perestroika" betrayed socialism (socialism never collapsed, it was betrayed by renegades and revisionists).

Reactionary theorists such as Francis Fukuyama arrogantly tried to proclaim the "end of history". The world socialist forces faced their darkest hour: whole parties were decimated, some

disappeared and the Red Flag was lowered from the Kremlin. The eyes of the world turned to the DPRK.

The great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** rallied the international communist movement by issuing the Pyongyang Declaration which declared that *Ours is an era of independence and the socialist cause is a sacred one aimed at realizing the independence of the popular masses. … … Socialism has long been the ideal of mankind and it represents the future of mankind.*

The Pyongyang Declaration has now been signed by over three hundred communist, workers', socialist and revolutionary parties throughout the world including about five parties in the UK and militant communist parties in the formers socialist countries such as the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks and Russian Communist Workers' Party.

Being an astute leader who realized that attack is the best form of defence, Chairman **KIM JONG IL** went over to an ideological offensive and wrote many works such as *"**Our Socialism Centred on the Masses Shall Not Perish**"*, *"**Abuses of Socialism Are Intolerable**"*, "***Socialism Is a Science***" *and "**Giving Priority to Ideological Work Is Essential for Accomplishing Socialism**",* which gave explanations that as to why socialism was frustrated in some countries and affirmed its validity and scientific nature. These works served as a precious tonic, an elixir of life for the world revolutionary people fighting for socialism.

The great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** made sure the newer generations were educated properly so that they would not degenerate ideologically and fall victim the insidious, sickly and decadent Coca Cola culture of US imperialism.

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** said,

"**It is important to educate the third and fourth generations of the revolution effectively, because they have experienced neither trials nor suffering. We must get them to drink the**

syrup made from the blueberries of Mt Paektu, not Coca-Cola. In other words, we must imbue them thoroughly with the revolutionary ideology of our Party so that they are not swayed in the slightest by the wind of bourgeois liberalization."

The above quotation was a stern revolutionary statement that rejected bourgeois liberalization and the ideological and cultural infiltration of imperialism.

We revolutionaries in the West, reading this statement, wished that the USSR and Eastern European socialist countries had done the same.

It was a powerful statement inspiring the world revolutionary people in their fight against "Cocacolaization", Americanization and globalization.

The former US secretary of state and cold war hawk Dulles is said to have once remarked "*We shall arm comedians with jokes that laugh out their present and future. Poison the soul of the youth with disbelief in their purpose in life, awaken their interest in sexual problems, bait them with such lures of the free world as fancy dances, pretty clothing, special records, verses, songs... Sow discord between the youth and the older generation*". This was the kernel, the core of the imperialist attempts to destroy socialism by stealth in the socialist countries.

In the DPRK **KIM JONG IL** saw through it. He said that ideological and cultural infiltration should be smashed, and continued:

"**We must remain vigilant against the enemy's attempts to shatter our political and ideological position and undermine our single-hearted unity, and deal resolutely with them. We must wage a strenuous struggle to frustrate the manoeuvres of the imperialists and reactionaries to infiltrate us ideologically and culturally and wage a psychological smear**

campaign against us, and we must intensify the ideological campaign in such a way as to prevent every element of the bourgeois ideology and way of life, however insignificant, from infiltrating our country."

This was a strong antidote to the poison of the imperialists.

Thus the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** was not a fair-weather leader but one who upheld socialist principles through thick and thin despite the ever desperate challenges of the imperialists.

He made the DPRK a tower of strength for the world socialist forces and international communist movement.

DPRK is admired by the world revolutionary peoples as a bulwark of socialism that holds firm to revolutionary principles. Nina Andreeva, general secretary of the All Union Communist Party of Bolsheviks, said, "*Korea has chosen its own way to the future, to socialism and communism. It has chosen the goal by itself and sticks to it. Korea is advancing with confidence and at a rapid rate without being influenced by other's preaching. Korea is advancing under the guidance of the Workers' Party of Korea and of the great leader President* ***KIM IL SUNG*** *and the dear leader Comrade* ***KIM JONG IL*** *inspired by the enduring Juche idea and looking forward to its goal...Long live the DPRK, an indestructible bulwark of peace and socialism in Asia!*"

Today the work of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** in defending socialist principles is carried forward by his loyal successor dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**, another great leader of the Mt Paektu type.

THE IMMORTAL SONGUN REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGY AND EXPLOITS OF THE GREAT LEADER KIM JONG IL

The respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** said about the Generalissimo **KIM JONG IL**:

"**The great General was a great leader, a peerless patriot and the benevolent father of our people, who devoted his all solely to the country's prosperity and the people's happiness with absolute loyalty to the President and warm affection for his country and people. His was the most brilliant life of a peerlessly great man who performed immortal exploits for the Party and the revolution, the country and the people, true to the noble intentions of the President.**"

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** was a man of many achievements and great abilities. A central part of his work was his elaboration of the Songun revolutionary idea and putting Songun politics into practice by dint of his Songun revolutionary leadership.

The Songun revolutionary leadership of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** began on the 25th of August 1960 at the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the Korean People's Army (KPA).

As dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** said

"**The Day of Songun, when General KIM JONG IL started his leadership of the Songun revolution, is, together with the day of the founding of the KPA (Korean People's Army), a historic day when an important milestone was established in the history of building up our revolutionary armed forces**

and the history of our country. Thanks to this significant day, a historic turn could be brought about in developing our revolutionary armed forces and implementing the cause of the Juche revolution, and the history and traditions of our sacred and victorious Songun revolution which had been pioneered and developed by force of arms could be carried forward."

This leadership began at time when the modern revisionists who had appeared in the leadership of a certain country were preaching "peaceful co-existence" and advocating capitulation to imperialism and the one-sided disarmament of the Socialist camp.

The Songun idea had been pioneered by the great President **KIM IL SUNG** who said ***Weapons Are Our Life and Soul! Arms for Arms!*** This statement formed the basis of the Songun idea and fully reflected the great truth that the revolution and independence are advanced and defended by force of arms.

Some had tried to seek salvation in non-violent struggles such as petitions and the like but these got people absolutely nowhere. Peaceful change was just a vain hope. When socialism was established in many countries of Europe and Asia the socialist camp all the time faced the threat of world imperialism, headed by US imperialism.

US imperialism unleashed the barbaric Korean War against the DPRK in the 1950s. The great leader Generalissimo **KIM IL SUNG**, the ever victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, applied the Songun idea and the Songun-based art of command to defeat the bellicose aggressive US imperialists who had tried to annihilate the DPRK and the Korean nation.

The great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** who had grown up with the echoes of the gunshots of the great anti-Japanese war and had experienced the great Fatherland Liberation War of the

Korean people. He learnt the truth that Songun advances the revolution.

The great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** said:

"**Our Party started pursuing Songun politics on the basis of its scientific analysis of the international circumstances of our revolution and of the rapidly changing situation.**

Entering the 1990s, socialism collapsed in the former Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries, giving rise to a great change in the world political structure and balance of forces. Although the imperialists' mouthpieces and opportunists claimed that a new era of detente and peace had arrived following the 'end of the Cold War,' the world can never exist in peace so long as imperialism remains rampant. By taking advantage of the collapse of the global socialist system, the reactionary imperialist forces intensified their offensive against the anti-imperialist independent forces; in particular, the US imperialists, who had emerged as the only superpower in the world, were more tenacious than ever in the pursuit of their policy of aggression and war, in an attempt to realize their ambition of world supremacy, wielding the power of authority and arbitrariness in the international arena and violently encroaching upon the sovereignty of other countries."

In the 1990s after the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** had passed away the DPRK had to face not only the sanctions and pressure of the wicked US imperialists but also the disappearance of the world socialist market and unprecedented natural disasters which wiped out 80% of the rice crop. The situation was critical, DPRK stood at the crossroads. The imperialists along with the traitors, renegades, revisionists and reformists hoped that DPRK would abandon the great Juche idea and go in for "reform" and "open-up" like a certain

big country had, but the great Generalissimo **KIM JONG IL** visited the Tabaksol (Dwarf pine) post on the 1st of January 1995 and declared that the Korean people had a choice whether to remain independent guards or become colonial slaves of the imperialists, in order to defend independence DPRK must pursue Songun politics! The great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** administered Songun politics fully by building up the KPA as the core force of the Korean revolution. He ensured that the KPA was not only strong in arms but strong in ideology and politics. Opposing the modern revisionists attempts to "de politicize" and "de ideologies" the army he ensured that the army held fast to the line of being the revolutionary armed force of the Workers' Party of Korea. Under the banner of the Songun idea the DPRK pursues the most militant anti-imperialist, anti-US line.

The DPRK is the most anti-American country in the world as it carries the slogan "*Let us wipe out the US imperialist aggressors, the sworn enemy of the Korean people*" on its tanks. It rejects the ideological and cultural poisoning of imperialism. Supreme Commander **KIM JONG IL** fully promoted the revolutionary soldier spirit, the epitome of the militant Songun ideology, which pulsated throughout society leading to world-startling feats like the construction of the Anbyon Youth Power Station.

The Anbyon Youth Power Station was much bigger in scale than the West Sea Barrage which was built under easier conditions in the 1980s. The Anbyon Youth Power Station cost twice as much to build and presented a number of technical challenges in its construction. Some countries even said that it was an infeasible project. The Power Station was completed in 1996 thanks to the efforts of the KPA builders. I can remember being in the DPRK in June 1996 when the imperialists were spreading rumours all the time of "famine"

and "mass starvation". A Korean professor told us that if they were starving then Korean people could have built such a large scale power station.

Many small and medium sized power stations were also built. The KPA between 1995 and 2000 built the Chongnyu Bridge, the Kumnung Tunnel No 2, the Pyongyang-Hyangsan motorway, the Thaechon Power Station No 5 and the April 25 hotel. The DPRK faced acute threats from US imperialism and all kinds of international reactionary forces. Supreme Commander **KIM JONG IL** has, with his brilliant commanding art, defeated all these attempts to stifle Korean style socialism by force, honourably defending Juche Korea, the bastion of socialism.

The KPA and Korean people under the leadership of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** faced down the US imperialists when they clamoured over the nuclear issue. The DPRK threw a nuclear thunderbolt at the imperialists by successfully testing a nuclear device. The KPA smashed the provocations of the south Korean puppets and US imperialists at Yonphyong islet thereby defending world peace and socialism.

Thus the 20 years of Chairman **KIM JONG IL**'s command of the Korean People's Army were years of great achievements in which the KPA has been strengthened greatly. Because of the decisive role of the anti-imperialist military front there have been victories in other fields such as the economy and culture. The DPRK under the leadership of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** came through the Arduous March and forced march. The country's situation was turned around; it became a land of rising prosperity with new housing and new buildings going up all the time.

The five decades of Songun revolutionary leadership have produced great results and vast achievements. Of course the main one is the DPRK, a socialist state of Juche, has been able

to maintain solidly its independence and defy all imperialist attempts to encroach on its sovereignty. The DPRK has proudly held high the banner of socialism despite the frustration of socialism in a number of countries, and it has rejected so called "reform" and "open-up" which are just a trick to destroy socialism from within.

Another durable achievement and one that effectively underpins everything is army-people unity. In the DPRK the people and army are united. The KPA is deeply respected by the people.

This is a contrast to the imperialist countries. In imperialist countries soldiers are viewed with suspicion because of their role in imperialist wars and in oppressing the people or even contemptuously viewed as "thick squaddies", people of low intelligence unable to do any other job.

However in the DPRK service in the army is a matter of honour and every youth wants to join the army. The army is respected by the people and seen as their army, the army of the people. The people of the DPRK actually feel pride in their army.

The DPRK has established firm traditions of army-people unity. Their origins lay in the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the Fatherland Liberation War. During the anti-Japanese armed struggle the President **KIM IL SUNG** always emphasized that just as a fish could not live outside water the guerrillas could not live without the people. During the Fatherland Liberation war the KPA and Korean established firm bonds of fraternity. The army-people unity displayed in the Fatherland Liberation War was an important factor propelling the Korean people to the victory against the US imperialists.

When he set out on the road Songun-based revolutionary leadership in 1960s the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** did everything to solidify and enhance the firm tradition of army-

people unity declaring that the People's Army is the main pillar of the revolution, the core of society. Admirable traits of the people assisting the army and the army assisting the people have come into full bloom. The KPA participates vigorously in the work of economic construction and improving the people's living standards.

Several "army-people" power stations have been built such as the Anbyon Youth Power Station. People feel that it is that duty to assist and help the army. The DPRK is marching ahead under the Songun revolutionary leadership of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** in the spirit of Songun-based army-people unity. Indeed the DPRK is the most united society in the world. Many countries in the world have been shaken by upheavals and disturbances owing to internal contradictions but the DPRK is united, stable, harmonious society based on the Juche idea and the Songun idea. It is racing ahead at a fast speed towards a brighter tomorrow, a thriving and prosperous socialist nation of Juche. **KIM JONG IL**'s Songun politics contributed greatly to the maintenance of peace on the Korean peninsula as well as world peace and independent reunification.

The respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** said;

"The great General brought about a fresh turn in the struggle for the independent reunification of the country and firmly defended global peace and security on the strength of his leadership of the Songun revolution. He ushered in the June 15 era of reunification by our nation itself, provided a precious asset for the reunification of the country and the common prosperity of the nation and safeguarded peace in Asia and the rest of the world by smashing the imperialists' uninterrupted schemes to unleash a war."

Today the DPRK's powerful self-reliant national defence is carrying out its historic mission that ensures the balance of power on the Korean peninsula and its surrounding

region and positively contributes to the world peace and prosperity. Many countries fell into victim to the aggression and warmongering of US imperialism. From the late 1980s the US imperialists became more and more aggressive, carrying out open military intervention in many countries in addition to covert intervention by the CIA and other special agencies of the imperialist world. Panama, Iraq, Sudan, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Libya are fell victim to US aggression and interference.

These countries were torn apart by wars ignited by the US. However **KIM JONG IL**'s Songun politics meant that the DPRK stood tall as the anti-imperialist bulwark. The US imperialists did not dare provoke a war against the DPRK which had both conventional and nuclear armaments and was led by the brilliant commander Generalissimo **KIM JONG IL**. Whilst other countries were consumed by the flames of war, peace reigned in DPRK, an oasis of calm in a deeply troubled world. Songun politics prevented war from breaking out dozens of times. It was the Songun politics of Chairman **KIM JONG IL** that made it possible for two inter-Korean summit talks to be held, one on the 15th of June 2000 and one on the 4th of October 2007. Previously although the south Korean puppets had agreed to the three principles of national reunification namely; independence, peace and great national unity, they turned their face away from any profound or meaningful discussion of the reunification issue and instead committed provocations against the DPRK under the baton of their US masters who were dead set against reunification. The south Korean puppets even went as far to build a concrete wall across the land of Korea in a bid to permanently divide it.

It was the strong stand of Songun politics that brought the south Korean puppets to the negotiating table and ushering in the "June 15 era" of "*By Our Nation Itself*". Thus Songun melted

the glacier of division. The Songun based leadership greatly strengthened the DPRK in all fields and as a result its prestige increased. Many countries that had held aloft from the DPRK in the past rushed to establish diplomatic relations with the DPRK.

My own country the UK established diplomatic relations at the end of 2000 and a DPRK embassy open in London in April 2003.

In the past this would have been unthinkable. In fact I can remember the Tory (Conservative) Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe declared on a visit to south Korea in 1983 that the UK would "never recognise north Korea". But thanks to Songun politics, these words have crumbled like dust and were blown away on the wind of Songun as if they never existed.

The Songun politics and Songun based leadership of the Generalissimo **KIM JONG IL** opened up a new era for the DPRK. Today Songun idea and Songun revolutionary leadership are succeeded by the respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** who said that Songun is our independence, dignity and viability.

CHAPTER FIVE

LEADER, MASSES AND DEMOCRACY

When the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** passed away in December 2011 a most malicious campaign was launched by the imperialists, reactionaries and opportunists. Not only have the imperialist media such as the reactionary BBC and various media outlets but certain elements, the "echoes of the BBC" and "CNN in the labour and progressive movement" have joined in slandering the DPRK and its leader. Various revisionists, opportunists as well as ultra-leftists, Trotskyites and anarchists also poured slander on.

It is disgraceful that such people are attempting to tarnish the beautiful image of Juche socialism.

So now let us look at the role of the leader and democracy in DPRK.

Firstly, the role of the leader. Modern revisionists and traitors mouth about the "cult of personality". The term "cult of personality" is a revisionist and bourgeois construct. This was a term used by Khruschov to slander and vilify the late JV Stalin and the building of socialism in the USSR. Khruschov's so called secret speech to the 20th congress of the Communist Party of Soviet Union was leaked out to the imperialist countries and the term "cult of personality" became a stock in trade for anti-communist propagandists as well as revisionists and opportunists.

The USSR and international communist movement suffered badly because of Khruschov's folly.

The USSR swung to the right and a few decades later, in 1991, restored capitalism, and that is where the theory of the "cult of personality" ends up. The essence of the theory of the so called "cult of personality" is an artificial separation of the leader from the masses. Bourgeois and revisionist commentators fail to realise that the leader is not an individual but the centre of unity of society. Those who prate about the "cult of personality" are those who fail to see society as a collective, instead are influenced by a bourgeois concept of society which sees society as made up of atomised individuals, typically an extreme and nihilistic variant of these world outlook was expressed by ex-premier M Thatcher who once claimed that "there is no such thing as society".

Indeed the leader is the supreme brain of the revolution, the supreme brain of society. Society is like a living organism or a body. The body requires a brain, a body without a brain would be impossible.

In the DPRK the masses, the party and the leader form an integral and harmonious whole the like of which has never been witnessed in any exploitative capitalist society and not in any revisionist countries either. People in the DPRK are united in a single heart and a single mind, they move as one.

What about democracy and the role of the leader and the masses in the DPRK? Some of the sillier and most offensive propaganda comes from the imperialist media such as the BBC which talk of "state organised mourning", this is a severe insult the pure feelings of Korean people grieving for the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL.** It is possible to force people some things such as go to work but it is impossible to force people to cry. Some so called "leftists" join hands with them such forces complaining about a "concentration of power" and "hereditary principle". Such people ignore the fact that **KIM JONG UN** was elected Vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission

of the Workers' Party of Korea at a Party conference in September 2010. The WPK has over millions of members and most families in the DPRK have party members within them. So basically **KIM JONG UN**'s appointment as successor to the Chairman **KIM JONG IL** was democratically decided by a large number of people so there is no parallel with monarchies. **KIM JONG IL** was acclaimed successor to the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** at the 8th Plenary Meeting of the 5th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea. He had been proposed as the successor by revolutionary veterans such as Rim Chun Chu and O Jin U. The 6th congress in October 1980 affirmed this and elected **KIM JONG IL** a secretary of the Party Central Committee. There are even some foolish people who speak of "feudalism" but in a feudal society, organs like the Supreme People's Assembly and local people's assemblies simply did not exist nor would the Workers' Party of Korea. Feudalism is defined simply by the Free Dictionary Online as "*political and economic system of Europe from the 9th to about the 15th century, based on the holding of all land in fief or fee and the resulting relation of lord to vassal and characterized by homage, legal and military service of tenants, and forfeiture*." No one pay rent for land in the DPRK. In the DPRK feudal landlord-ism was abolished in 1946 by the Agrarian Reform law, which redistributed free of charge all land to landless peasants and those peasants short of land. It expressly forbids the sale and mortgaging of agricultural land. It was one of the most radical land reforms in history. Those who talk about "feudalism" are not only extremely ignorant of the DPRK's history and struggle but actually lack a Marxist understanding (just how can and when did feudal production relations come back when they had been abolished). Just how stupid can revisionist and Trotskyite blockheads be! The DPRK is often judged through the prism of imaginary socialist

societies envisaged in failed revisionist programmes (in 1951, in the UK, we had the "*British Road to Socialism*" supposedly a creative application of Marxism, 60 years later we are still waiting for socialism).

In the DPRK organs of power such as the Supreme People's Assembly, provincial and city people's assemblies are elected by direct and equal suffrage. The voting age is 17 years old. Usually in the DPRK the turnout for elections is nearly 100% (compare this to turnouts of 60% or 70% in capitalist countries or even less than 20% in local elections). Voting in the DPRK is seen as a demonstration of unity and harmony in which everyone participates and people even dance at polling stations and every section of society votes. In capitalist countries such as the UK there is a view that voting in elections is for rich people, intellectuals and the so-called "chattering classes". Unlike the so-called Western democracies electors have the right to recall their representatives if they fail to do their job properly. The DPRK fully practises the Chongsan-ri method and Chongsan-ri spirit worked out by the great President **KIM IL SUNG** and fully embraced by the Chairman **KIM JONG IL**. The Chongsan-ri method is best defined thus,

The basic requirement of Chongsan-ri spirit is to thoroughly defend the interests of the popular masses, rally the entire people around the Party and convert all the works into that of popular masses themselves. The main of Chongsan-ri method is that superiors help their subordinates, go out to the spot to grasp the actual conditions and find correct ways to solve the problems, give priority to the work with the people and fully mobilize the people's revolutionary enthusiasm and creativity to carry out their assignment.

All cadres and officials are expected to do manual work. Officials live in ordinary blocks of flats. The great Chairman

KIM JONG IL himself worked very hard, cutting down on his sleep only taking naps and eating plain rice-balls. He passed away whilst on a way of on-the-spot-guidance. The relationship of the masses to the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** and the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** is a close one which Westerners found hard to understand. They were like ties of blood, Korean people regarded **KIM IL SUNG** and **KIM JONG IL** as their fathers. The role of the leader under Juche-orientated socialism is very different to politicians in capitalist societies. Often politicians in capitalist societies are simply front-men for the big monopoly corporations. Real decision making is done behind closed doors in the boardrooms of the City rather than parliament.

The great leader president **KIM IL SUNG** regarded the people as the god**.** The great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** also practiced this carrying out people-orientated policies, benevolent policies. The leader loved the people and the people loved the leader. This was clearly demonstrated when the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** passed away and no communist or socialist or progressive person should speak ill of this.

Socialism is not built in a vacuum but amid conditions of acute class struggle.

Stupid revisionists and Trotskyites wilfully ignore the danger of US imperialism, the south Korean puppets, other imperialist powers such as Japan and assorted international reactionary forces trying to overthrow socialism in the DPRK, not necessarily by direct force (though this is a possibility with US troops stationed in south Korea and Japan plus over 1,000 nuclear weapons in south Korea) or sanctions but by trying undermine the DPRK from within. This was of course used in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. As a Rodong Sinmun article of 19th of January 2009 pointed out.

The lesson to be drawn from those east European countries which shrank back from the class struggle, harbouring illusion

about the class enemies is that if a country makes one step for concession and retreat in the acute class struggle, it will have to take ten or a hundred steps for concession and retreat and thus meet such tragedy as losing its socialist gains at the hands of the enemies, the article says, and continues*:*

An uncompromising struggle against the class enemies calls for properly understanding the target of the class struggle.

Imperialism is the No.1 class enemy of socialism.

Imperialism represents brutes who cannot exist even a moment without invading other countries and nations. For imperialism aggression and plunder are means of its existence. Its aggressive nature and bestiality can never change.

We must not forget even a moment that there always exist the class enemies who are working hard to destroy the socialist system.

There are those who are opposed to the socialist system, those introducing the corrupt bourgeois way of life into society, taken in by the imperialists' anti-socialist propaganda, those abandoning the socialist principle for money and those divulging state secrets for money and others who try hard to undermine socialism. All of them are the class enemies of socialism.

The moves of the class enemies to disseminate unsound ideas into socialist society must be thoroughly frustrated.

It is necessary to solidly consolidate the socialist class base, strengthen the cohesion and unity of the revolutionary ranks and more firmly build up the armed forces of the class and the revolution, the article notes, urging the people not to be tricked by the talk about the super-class "human rights" and "humanitarianism".

In the 1960s revisionist Khruschov abolished the dictatorship of the proletariat and declared itself a "state of the whole people" abandoning the class struggle and giving up the revolution.

President **KIM IL SUNG** severely criticised this theory in several important works such as "***On the Questions of the Period of Transition from Capitalism to Socialism and the Dictatorship of the Proletariat***" by saying that

This viewpoint stems from the ideological view of abandoning the class struggle against survivors of the overthrown exploiter classes internally, and internationally refraining from the world revolution, by choosing to live at peace with imperialism. Moreover, they claim that the dictatorship of the proletariat will disappear when the transition period comes to an end. But how can this be? They are fundamentally wrong.

The DPRK maintained that the struggle against the remnants of the overthrown capitalists and landlords should be kept up. The DPRK in fact faced sabotage and trickery by spies of both the US and south Korea, for example in 2002 south Korea admitted it sent 7726 spies into the DPRK between 1953 and 1972, nearly 1 a day! It would be disastrously naive for the DPRK to "open-up", for it to adopt pluralism and liberalism as some revisionists seem to think. Some so called "ultra leftists" and Trotskyites go as far to repeat the claptrap of so-called defectors (in reality criminals and traitors) and CIA sponsored propagandists such as the mysterious Ms Demick whose age and birthplace no-one seems to know and whose book is a 'novelised' rather than factual account.

Juche-based socialism is superior system. There are those who say we should be modest about the DPRK achievements and its people centred socialist system, or indeed focus on problems rather than promote the achievements of the DPRK.

The DPRK's achievements are vast. Indeed each day it shows its superiority over the sick, decadent corrupt West. The funeral of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** was a sad and painful

event but it demonstrated the unity, discipline and order of Songun Korea.

Had any Western capitalist state tried to put that number of people on the streets it would resulted in chaos and disorder on a wide scale. In the UK it was impossible for shop sales to take place without 1 person being stabbed and killed. In the DPRK people can walk the streets safely at night and leave their doors unlocked. In the UK such a thing is impossible. Here criminal gangs threaten the safety of people and drug addicts openly take drugs on the street. Even right-wing anti-socialist philosophers such as Oswald Spengler admitted that the West was on the path of decline and eventual eclipse. The West will indeed be eclipsed by the new socialist civilisation of Juche Korea.

Those who slander the DPRK and Songun should eat their words.

PART TWO

THE REALITY OF JUCHE-BASED SOCIALISM

CHAPTER ONE

THE SUPERIORITY OF JUCHE-BASED AND SONGUN-BASED SOCIALISM

There are some people objectively assist US imperialism in its campaign of lies and psychological warfare. They are unaware of the massive achievements of Juche-based socialism. Sometimes this is expressed as a trendy liberal or left gloss. However many of such people actually support globalisation and think that the DPRK should "open-up" and "reform".

Chairman **KIM JONG IL** in his work "***The Democratic People's Republic of Korea Is a Juche-oriented Socialist State with Invincible Might***" strongly refuted the idea that the DPRK should "open-up":

"**Our country has never closed its doors, and it maintains good relations with many countries, home to billions of people, around the world, based on mutual respect. As for reform, we reformed the outdated social system in a revolutionary fashion decades ago, and have been constantly creating the new and renovating what is old and backward. In actual fact, the imperialists and reactionaries are hostile towards our country and are blockading it and trying to isolate it. The 'reform' and 'openness' they are advocating represent a move to destroy and put down our style of socialism. Such moves will only worsen their relations with us and are doomed to failure.**"

It is quite meaningless or reactionary to talk of socialism reforming itself because under socialism the feudal and capitalist systems have been eliminated, everything backward

and reactionary has been changed. Indeed to talk of "reform" and "open-up" in a socialist country means to ultimately restore capitalism.

Some Western so-called experts want the DPRK to become a dependency of US and world imperialism, part of a "globalized" world, this is what "open-up" would actually mean.

The DPRK's solid independence is its greatest achievements. The DPRK does not have foreign troops, not a single foreign soldier, stationed on its territory, unlike south Korea which is occupied by over 40,000 US troops.

The DPRK is not a member of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, WTO or APEC. Such supra-national bodies are institutions of world capitalism that exploit the masses and also destroy the independence of countries. The DPRK declined to join the old socialist bloc CMEA grouping and did not join the Warsaw Pact.

KIM JONG IL said:

"**If we had abandoned the policy of building an independent national economy and entered the 'CMEA' unable to bear the pressure of the great-power chauvinists during socialist construction after the war, it would have been impossible for us to build the socialist state which is independent, self-sufficient and capable of self-reliant defence.**"

When you visit the DPRK you will not see advertising hoardings that advertise foreign products. Everything is Korean-style. People take pride in being Korean. The DPRK is rightly proud of its independence based on the Juche idea. The DPRK defied not only the US, UNSC and NATO but also the big powers by carrying out the 5 nuclear tests and also missile tests. Nothing can stand in the way of the DPRK. The DPRK's realistic independent spirited approach is worthy of support and admiration. Indeed there are over 1 000 Juche Idea Study Groups in the world.

Juche-based, Songun-based socialism in the DPRK has achieved great miracles in all fields. The DPRK built socialism not in easy conditions but on the debris of war.

During the Fatherland Liberation War (Korean War) the US bombed the DPRK so heavily that a US commander claimed there was nothing left to bomb and that the DPRK would never rise for a 100 years. Moreover they built socialism in a divided country and under constant threat, pressure, blockade and sanctions from US imperialism and its satellite states. Not only the US imperialists but also the revisionists and big power chauvinists threatened the DPRK. The USSR and CPSU under the leadership of the revisionist Khruschov tried to instigate factionalists within the leadership of the WPK to stage a counter-revolutionary coup but they failed. In the early 1960s the Soviet big power chauvinists displeased with the DPRK's independent line and its anti-revisionist stance imposed their own sanctions on the DPRK and suspended deliveries of weapons to the DPRK in the early 1960s. Of course this caused some losses to the DPRK and delayed the development of the national economy a bit but in the long run it failed.

The DPRK was quick to heal the war damage and then industrialised rapidly. During the late 1950s industrial output growth hit 40% in some years. The workers of the Kangson Steel Plant (now the Chollima Steel Complex took the lead by doubling production in one go. The DPRK's achievements were truly miraculous. Professor Joan Robinson, the famous Cambridge economist, indeed described the DPRK as the "Korean miracle" and wrote in 1964 "*Eleven years ago in Pyongyang there was not one stone standing upon another. (They reckon that one bomb, of a ton or more, was dropped per one head of population.) Now a modern city of a million inhabitants stands on two sides of the wide river, with broad tree-lined streets of five-story blocks, public buildings, a stadium, theatres (one*

underground surviving from the war) and a super-de luxe hotel. The industrial sector comprises a number of up-to-date textile mills and a textile machinery plant. The wide sweep of the river and little tree-clad hills preserved as parks provide agreeable vistas. There are some patches of small gray and white houses hastily built from rubble, but even there the lanes are clean, and light and water are laid on. A city without slums."

During the period 1957-1970 the DPRK's economy grew by 19.1%. Between 1946 and 1984 industrial output value increased by 431 times and national income increased by 65 times. The DPRK's rapid growth continued. During the 3rd seven year plan 1987 -1993 the industrial output increased by 1.5 times and the annual average rate of growth of industrial production was 5.6 per cent. In 2009 during the 100 day campaign the growth in industrial output value has topped 30% and it made the DPRK the fastest growing economy in the world.

Western journalists and writers like to concentrate on the food shortage issue in the DPRK. This came about because of a series of consecutive natural disasters in the 1990s-hailstorm, several years of flood and then drought. These were compounded by an energy shortage and sanctions. In fact the DPRK had been exporting rice and maize until 1993. Despite limited arable land the DPRK had become basically food self-sufficient by 1960. The DPRK was one of the top 10 exporters of rice in the late 1970s and the UN FAO stated that the DPRK had the world record for per hectare yields of rice. Now DPRK agriculture is resuming its onward march. Thanks to measures such as double cropping and massive land rezoning, the socialist collective fields have been visited by several years of bumper harvests.

During my visits to the DPRK in 1996, 2002, 2008, 2012, 2013 and 2015 I can say that I never encountered "mass starvation" or "famine" that the Western media constantly claimed exist.

I did not see anyone beg for food or rummage in dustbins for food. I remember visiting the Sunan farm near Pyongyang in June 1996.

The crops were growing well. Myself and my friend Shaun Pickford who was with me poked fun at the imperialist media with saying "this is Doug Turner from CNN, I am in north Korea at the Sunan farm and everyone is starving" (when of course they were not).

I went for a short walk near the Koryo Hotel with my guide Mrs Pak Song Ok of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries. There were children eating ice creams and people doing karaoke, such a contrast to the image given in the Western media! I told her that how the Western media said everyone in the DPRK was "starving". "Ah, the problem of the Westerners" she tutted and tutted.

The DPRK has full employment, people are guaranteed the right to work by the Constitution and this is underpinned by socialist planning and the independent national economy. Taxation was abolished back in 1974 and the agricultural tax in kind was abolished in the period 1964-1966. The DPRK is the only country in the whole world without taxation! Housing is supplied actually free of charge.

Education at all levels is free started from kindergarten right up to university level. DPRK university students are not burdened with heavy debts, their accommodation and clothing is supplied free of charge.

Education has good quality facilities and equipment such as science libraries. This can be witnessed at the Changgwang Kindergarten and universities such as the Kim Chaek University of Technology and **KIM IL SUNG** University. A new state of the art E-library has been opened at the Kim Chaek University of Technology built entirely with DPRK funds and resources.

Children at kindergartens are supplied with free meals each day. Even during the period of the Arduous March, Chairman **KIM JONG IL** made sure that the children at kindergartens received their daily allowance of soya bean milk, these was supplied in special "bean milk" vans which ran daily.

I can remember in the UK how for a time children received a small bottle of milk every day but the then education minister Margaret Thatcher stopped the supply of milk to school children in order to save money!(hence she was known as "Maggie Thatcher the milk bottle snatcher"!).

Health care is also free, this includes prescriptions and dentistry. In the UK it costs £8.20p for a single prescription. For dental treatment in the UK the charges on the NHS (much higher with private dentists) £18.80 for basic dental treatment and £222.50 for more complex treatment. On top of this we have to pay high National Insurance contributions, supposedly to fund health care but it just bleeds us white.

The DPRK public health system is a self-reliant people-centred socialist health care system. The DPRK public health service does not rely on low wage labour from outside the country, unlike the NHS! There is no hidden fees or costs either in DPRK hospitals. In the UK users of the NHS have to parking charges at hospitals and some NHS hospitals charge £300 per night for a separate room which is actually free of charge in the DPRK. The DPRK has an excellent system of primary care centring on the section doctor system whereby doctors actually give check-ups to patients in their homes and make rounds of localities.

Socialism in the DPRK is not a copy of the Soviet Union or China nor is dependent on anyone. Socialism in the DPRK is not the gift of another country.

The respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** said:

"**Our socialism is independent socialism that is strong in the Juche character and national identity.**

The Juche character is the nature of socialism, and independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence are the road to achieving the eternal victory and prosperity of socialism of our style. Independent politics makes it possible to formulate lines and policies in keeping with the fundamental principles of the revolution and the people's demand for and interest in independence and consistently implement them, however difficult and complicated the situation may be, so as to lead the revolution and construction to victory; it also makes it possible to exercise complete sovereignty and equal rights in external relations so as to exalt the dignity and might of the country. The self-supporting national economy and Juche-oriented national culture enable us to go past the cutting edge and build a scientific and technological power, a knowledge-based economic power, in the 21st century by dint of our strength, technology and resources, and to usher in a new golden age of culture and the arts. The self-reliant defence capabilities with the Korean People's Army as the core defend the socialist motherland from imperialist aggression, provide a strong military guarantee for building a thriving nation and ensure peace and security on the Korean peninsula and in the rest of Asia."

The DPRK is prospering under the banner of the Juche idea, under the banner of independent and self-reliant socialism. It has successfully built socialism thereby confounding the nonsensical dictum of Trotsky who prattled that you cannot "build socialism in one country" (sadly such blockheaded nonsense is repeated by Trotsky's followers in the imperialist countries). The DPRK has always avoided copying other countries, rejecting both Right and Left deviations in building socialism. In the past some socialist countries veered to the

Right, **KIM IL SUNG** and **KIM JONG IL** denounced this as modern revisionism and the WPK refused to follow it. In the end the Rightists in the socialist countries caused the collapse of socialism. A few other socialist countries veered to the Left but the DPRK rejected this as well. The socialism of the DPRK is its own, the socialism of Juche.

The DPRK has a Korean style socialist system centred on the popular masses and everything serves them. It is the system chosen by the Korean people themselves. In the DPRK people are free from the evils of capitalist society such as exploitation, oppression, drugs, violence, terrorism etc. The DPRK is one of the stable countries on earth, in fact probably the most stable country in the world.

The DPRK is based on the socialist ownership of the means of production so there is no social inequality If you visit the Korean Revolution Museum you will see the picture of the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** with the people around him symbolising the unity, amity and harmony of the DPRK. Thanks to the Juche idea, independence and creativity are blooming.

The DPRK will prosper even more under the banner of Juche and self-reliance and the Songun-based and Juche-based revolutionary leadership of dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** who follows in the footsteps of the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** and Chairman **KIM JONG IL.**

CHAPTER TWO

VISITING DPRK AFTER 6 YEARS

I arrived in the DPRK on Tuesday 7th after having traveled to Beijing first from London. I am grateful for the assistance I received from a Korean friend in Beijing which made the transit through Beijing much easier. This was my 6th visit to the DPRK. My last visit had been in April 2002, some six years before. On board the *AIR KORYO* plane to the DPRK the stewardess announced that this was the flight to Pyongyang the capital of Socialist Korea where the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** lays in state and the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** resides. Later she referred to the blood of Korean revolutionaries being split on the anti-Japanese battlefields which the plane was passing over and finally as the plane glided towards Pyongyang she announced that we were arriving in the I was recapital of Juche Korea.ceived at the Airport by comrades Han and Choe of the Social Scientists Society of Korea driving into Pyongyang I could see that the DPRK was in autumn and that rice harvesting was under way.

I stayed at the Koryo Hotel which is conveniently situated in the centre of Pyongyang. I visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun(Kumsusan Memorial Palace at that time) where the great leader Generalissimo **KIM IL SUNG,** the sun of Juche and eternal president of the DPRK, rests. Reflecting on the achievements of great President **KIM IL SUNG** the ever

victorious iron willed brilliant commander who defeated 2 imperialisms in one generation and built socialist Korea on the ruins of war, I felt awe struck and emotional. I was also able to visit his birthplace at scenic Mangyongdae.

Here you can see the original straw-thatched house where the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** was born into a poor farming family whose life was hard. I also visited the Mangyongdae Revolutionary Museum for the first time. The DPRK is upholding education in the revolutionary traditions and unlike the Khruschovite modern revisionists believes in respecting the forerunners of the revolution. The DPRK also maintains strong anti-imperialist education and class education. I witnessed this at the Sinchon Museum, the captured "USS Pueblo" and also was told at the magnificent Changgwang Kindergarten that they have a room for class education against the imperialists and class enemies like landlords and capitalists. Visiting the "USS Pueblo" proved to an experience as it was the first time I set foot on a captured US spy ship. The "Pueblo" in fact as well as having masses of electronic spying equipment also had 2 heavy machine guns mounted on it and stocks of rifles and grenades.

In 2004 the US imperialists also infiltrated an unmanned mini submarine which was captured and is on display. The foolhardiness and stupidity of the US is evident here as there was no way they could not have been captured.7 DPRK sailors were able to overpower a crew of 80 Americans. Where the "Pueblo" was anchored was the spot that the great grandfather of the great President **KIM IL SUNG,** Kim Ung U led the people of Pyongyang to sink the US imperialist pirate ship the "General Sherman".

I visited for the 2nd time the Sinchon Museum. 35 383 people, one quarter of the population of Sinchon county, were barbarically massacred by the US imperialists. Their atrocities

at Sinchon were far worse than the Nazis. Members of the WPK and also teachers and civil servants were targeted by the US imperialists. People were murdered in the most brutal and sickening fashion. I saw the air raid shelter where the Americans had poured petrol through a ventilation hole and then set fire to people. You still see the blackened human oils stuck to the ceiling. It was like Auschwitz or Belsen. A lot of children were starved or burnt to death. 3 children managed to escape and 2 of them became guides to the Museum. I observed a silence for the victims of the massacre. Here one can see that there cannot be compromise or co-existence with the US imperialists and that the American way of life is the retard way of life.

The trip to Sinchon and the return journey at which we stopped at Sariwon City afforded a good opportunity to see the DPRK countryside. Rice was being harvested and also maize plus apples and persimmons. I realized once and for all that the stories spread by the imperialists about "starvation" and "famine" in the DPRK are completely nonsense with no foundation in reality. There was no sign of any crop failure and in fact there is a bumper harvest of rice as well as a record catch of cuttlefish in the West sea of Korea. There were lots of people on the road and lots of people working in the fields, no sign of anyone starving though of course rice harvesting is hard work. I traveled back by train to Sinuiju and saw many rural villages and rice paddies. Again the situation looked good. The scenery of the DPRK in autumn is beautiful. I was able to walk with my guide along the bank of the Taedong River from the Okryu Bridge to the Taedong Bridge. People were relaxing and enjoying themselves. Some boating, some fishing and some drawing pictures or just sitting down and talking. Again no sign of starvation and no sign of the beggars or homeless that we have in London. In Pyongyang there are residential blocks of flats for working

people in the centre of Pyongyang including scenic areas like the Taedong River side.

I was able to enjoy a barbecue with some workers from the beer factory and also coal miners who were visiting Mt Myohyang. They had plenty of food (and drink) plus a portable gas stove, cameras and camcorder. I sang the "Red Flag" with them which is sang both by Korean and British workers(it used to be sang at Labour Party conferences before the anti-Christ Tony Blair took over the Labour Party)as well the "Internationale" and some Korean songs I knew.

DPRK follows people-orientated policies. Housing is free of charge, staple food is sold at a low price. Education from nursery to university is free of charge. University students do not have to pay tuition fees but get free uniforms and stay in dormitories free of charge(unlike the high rents for students in London). Health care is also free of charge. I received treatment at the Namsan Hospital and was given medicine free that would have cost me £21(about 35 $US dollar or 25 Euro). I visited the excellent Changgwang Kindergarten which has 10 floors and includes an indoor swimming pool. Everything here including food(5 meals a day including 120g of rice) is gratis as well.

CHAPTER THREE

THE DAY OF THE SUN AND THE WORLD CONGRESS ON THE JUCHE IDEA

Our delegation was consisted of 2 of us from the JISGE and ASSPUK. It was a great honour to visit the DPRK on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great President **KIM IL SUNG,** the eternal president of the DPRK, father of the Juche idea, founder of socialist Korea and a great outstanding leader of the international communist and revolutionary movement. Our time passed very quickly when we were in the DPRK, so much was packed into a short space of time. It is difficult to know what to include in the report; the World Congress on the Juche Conference, the celebrations of the Day of the Sun, the respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** and the true reality of Juche socialism. Our delegation at times doubted whether we would ever make it to the DPRK, all sorts of things seemed to threaten our visit, family issues, problems getting the Chinese visa (which was obtained after hard work and effort by the DPRK embassy and the Air Koryo office in Beijing) and been told just as I was checking in at Heathrow that the surname and first name on my ticket had been reversed. However we got there in the end! Our trip had so many high points and it is difficult to list them all or We put them in orderboarded our of priority.Air Koryo flight to Pyongyang on Monday 9th of April. We arrived in the afternoon. Pyongyang was covered in the beautiful April sunshine. We were met at the Airport by Professor Ri Mu Il, who heads the British studies

section of **KIM IL SUNG** University and is an expert on Britain. He was our guide for the visit. Professor Ri was a jolly and humourous man. My first impression on visiting the DPRK again after 4 years was that the socialist system is solid and the red flag is literally flying high on the streets of Pyongyang. At some street corners we saw many red flags flying, elsewhere the flag of the Workers' Party of Korea was prominently displayed. Juche Korea is probably the only country in the world to fly the red flag on the streets, maybe only 1 or 2 other countries do so. Pyongyang does not have capitalist advertising. There are no branches of McDonalds, KFC or other American fast food chains (which cause litter). There are now many stalls and kiosks selling food and drinks on the streets of Pyongyang but these are state and co-operative owned. Looking around Pyongyang we could see how blatant the lies about the DPRK are. We not only went around in a bus but walked through the streets and on one occasion got lost the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium. There was no sign of any starving people. Everyone was out enjoying their public holiday. People were well dressed. There is now a greater variety of clothing available. Trousers seem to be the favourite fashion for Korean women but the idiotic south Korean puppets had claimed that women are banned from wearing trousers in the DPRK and this was repeated by the Western imperialist media. Such stupid and infantile lies!

Undoubtedly the advanced people-centred socialist system, the creation of the great President **KIM IL SUNG,** is his most enduring legacy and is the cradle of happiness for the Korean people. Professor Ri when we were on our way from the airport to the city told us "most definitely" housing was free of charge. Huge new blocks of house apartments have been constructed in the Mansudae district.

Later during our visit our interpreter, a **KIM IL SUNG** University student, explained the advantages of Korean style

socialism in a clear and straightforward manner. She said that on April 15th her family would receive duck meat (which is expensive in the UK at least £6.82 per kg), sweets, biscuits and beer all free of charge! This would be unthinkable in the UK. This year the Queens jubilee will be celebrated but the government will not provide any free food or drink, I was also told that the families will move into the new apartments on April 15th Earlier in the visit we had witnessed the efforts of the government, party and army to improve people's living standards when we visited the Taedonggang Combined Fruit Farm which is a state farm. This covers over thousand hectares of land, you can see fruit trees everywhere. Computers are used extensively in the farm in advance of many British farms. The farm has its own fruit processing plant which is clean and modern. This gives its many advantages and lowers cost. No need to transport the fruit by road to a separate processing plant or pay for the costs of processing. Visiting the farm I remembered the saying of US journalist Lincoln Steffens "*I have seen the future and I know it W*works."e attended the World Congress on the Juche Idea held in the People's Palace of Culture. There is an incredible amount of material concerning this so it will probably have to be the subject of a separate report. The congress was attended by Juche idea followers from all corners of the globe.

In fact due to the various events were being held in Pyongyang, every hotel rooms in the city were being occupied by a very large number of people. It was a far cry from the propaganda of the Western media that the DPRK is "closed" and "isolated". We were able to meet and have discussions with Juche idea followers from Russia, Bangladesh, Switzerland, Malta and South Africa, just to name a few.

Undoubtedly the highest point was the grand military parade on April 15 the Day of the Sun. This was simply

amazing and awe inspiring to say the least. The respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** made his speech. His voice was strong and authoritative. His speech was very good saying that there would be no deviation or concession. He said the Korean people must never again have to tighten their belts. At the end of the parade he waved to the crowd. Everyone cheered and jumped up and down. Respected **KIM JONG UN** looked very happy. He looks a like a friendly and open person. I personally felt moved when in his speech he thanked foreign supporters of the Korean revolution.

The military parade consisted of both troops and various kinds of armour and guns. The first columns w ere in t he uniforms of the anti-Japanese guerrillas and Fatherland Liberation War. Columns also represented **KIM IL SUNG** Military University and various military academies. Schools for the bereaved children of revolutionary martyrs were also represented. The Worker-Peasant Red Guards, a civilian militia, were also in the parade. There was a formidable array of tanks, armoured, guns, Ack-ack units and missiles. All were made in the DPRK. The tanks bore the slogan "Let us wipe out the US imperialists the sworn enemy of the Korean people". Probably the DPRK is the only country in the world to have such a revolutionary slogan, elsewhere socialist countries have become mired in revisionist peaceful co-existence or have pursued "reform" and "open-up". Towards the end the new missile made its Our guide tappearance on a 16 old us that twheel lorry. He DPRK has now the capability to hit the Atlantic coast of the US.

Seeing the parade my own personal opinion is that south Korea would be quickly destroyed if they provoke a war with the DPRK.

Of course life during our stay in the DPRK is not just military parades and meetings. In the evening of April 15th we

joined tens of thousands of Pyongyang citizens plus foreign guests to watch the big firework display on the Taedong River. Respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** was present here too and I was told later that he had been the planner of many of the firework displays in the DPRK. It was simply awe inspiring to see that the Tower of Juche idea was light up by fireworks. The next evening we joined the soirée of the youth and students of Pyongyang. My friend Pickford acquitted himself well in dancing on the **KIM IL SUNG** square.

We had numerous meetings whilst in the DPRK. We met with the International Institute of the Juche Idea and the Social Scientists Society of Korea. I met briefly with Kim Ki Nam secretary of the WPK. Also we met with the Korean Association for Friendship with the British People and friends from the Publications Exchange Association of Korea. This report would not even be half complete if we did not mention our meeting with the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front of south Korea. It was great to talk with them but the time was too short. They organized a wonderful lunch for us which included rainbow trout something that only rich people in my country eat.

All in all it was a trip of a lifetime. It was great to be there for the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great President **KIM IL SUNG**. We could see the invincible unity of the Korean people guided by great respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**, following the footsteps of the Juche revolutionary cause.

CHAPTER FOUR

JUCHE KOREA IN THE SEPTEMBER SUNSHINE

I visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from the 4th of September to the 11th of September 2012 at the kind invitation of the Social Scientists Society of Korea. This was my second visit in a year and my 8th visit to the DPRK. It was very good to see the reality of the DPRK and renew ties with SSSK and other DPRK organizations. I saw with my own eyes the true reality of the DPRK which is rapidly building a thriving socialist country under the wise leadership of great respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN,** the Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Chairman of the DPRK State Affairs Commission and the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army. The central part of the visit was the excellent and detailed course on **Kimilsungism–Kimjongilism** organized by the SSSK.

My visit came at a time when the DPRK was proudly celebrating the 64th year since its foundation in 1948. It was at a time when the DPRK is standing in confrontation with US imperialism, the chieftain of US-led imperialism.

The course organized by the SSSK was attended by delegates from Mongolia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Venezuela, Pakistan, Russia, Slovakia, Nigeria, Benin and Democratic Congo. Renown Dr. Vishwanath the former editor of the "*Times of India*" attended part of the course and made an address on the last day of the course.

I arrived at Pyongyang Airport after a long journey that had started at Gatwick airport with a 24 hour stop over in Beijing. I

was greeted at the airport by my old friend, a director of SSSK, and also section chief Kim Su Ho. I also met my guide for the visit Miss Kim, a tall pretty, neatly dressed 25 year old graduate of Pyongyang University of Foreign Studies.

Driving from the airport one could see the beauty of the DPRK in autumn with the fields, covered in swathes of green rice. In the Pyongyang area there was no sign of flood damage or crop failure. Once again my own eyes confirmed the reality of Juche-based socialism. Everyone was going about their business normally and no one was starving or begging. Miss Kim explained to me about the new flats in Changjon Street. Some of the flats are 170 square metres. These were newly built and given to the working people free of charge, something unimaginable in a capitalist country. Indeed in my own country the UK rents are sky high. Flats in Westminster, a central part of London, sell for £1 195 000 and rent for them is £3 000 per month. The reactionary government of the UK has adopted a policy of "social cleansing" of removing poorer people from the central parts of London such as Westminster, Kensington and other parts to other areas.

The DPRK is the only country in the world to provide free housing. No one should be against this! The DPRK enforces many other people-orientated policies such as free education and free medical care.

On the last day of my visit we took a trip on the magnificent Pyongyang Metro a real edifice of Juche-based socialism. It costs only 5 won to go on the Metro with free travel for pensioners and war veterans. The Metro is very clean, in fact the cleanest in the world and free from banal capitalist advertising. During my visit to the DPRK the dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** himself visited ordinary families in Changjon Street and sat down with them. Again this is something unimaginable in the imperialist and capitalist

West. In the UK it would be impossible for Premier to visit ordinary working people as it would provoke anger. However the dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** was received like a member of the family. He gave the families presents including a 42 in LCD TV which would cost £500 to buy in the UK. Thus workers in the DPRK enjoy a far higher level of social benefits than in even the so-called advanced capitalist countries.

The core part of the visit was a course on **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism**. This was held at the People's Palace of Culture. We were given a number of lectures on **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism** by leading academicians of the SSSK such as Dr. Kim Chang Gyong and Dr. Mun Jong Suk.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism has been expounded by dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**. It is now been studied and promoted on an international scale so the SSSK arranged this course so to achieve a better understanding of it. **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism** is the great revolutionary ideology of our era founded by the great President **KIM IL SUNG** and further enriched by the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL**.

It was explained that Chairman **KIM JONG IL** had expounded **Kimilsungism** but forbade the use of the term **Kimjongilism**.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is the eternal guiding ideology of the Workers' Party of Korea and has its core the Juche idea.

Marshal **KIM JONG UN** said:

"**Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is an integral system of the idea, theory and method of Juche and a great revolutionary ideology representative of the Juche era.**"

The Juche era is fundamentally different era from preceding eras of history. Previously history was dominated by exploiters. Now under the banner of Juche the masses have emerged as masters of history to oppose exploitation.

Dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** has written a number of works such as, "***Let Us Brilliantly Accomplish the Revolutionary Cause of Juche Holding KIM JONG IL in High Esteem as the Eternal General Secretary of Our Party***", "***Let Us March Dynamically Towards Final Victory, Holding Higher the Banner of Songun***", "***The great KIM IL SUNG is the Eternal Leader of Our Party and People***", "***On Bringing About a Revolutionary Turn in Land Administration in Line with the Demands for Building a Thriving Socialist Country***" and ***"Let Us Step Up the Building of a Thriving Country by Applying KIM JONG IL's Patriotism***" and "***Victory and Glory Alone Await Us Who Are Advancing under the Unfurled Flags Bearing the Immortal Smiling Images of the Great KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL***".

Whilst studying at **KIM IL SUNG** Military University the respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** wrote a thesis on the military art and tactics of the President **KIM IL SUNG** during the Fatherland Liberation War.

The Western media have been shocked by the fact that the leadership of dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** is so firmly established. There has been a totally smooth transition in the succession in the DPRK. Dear respected **KIM JONG UN** has many talents. He is an expert on literature and culture as well as the knowledge-based economy. He is a great military commander and general who can drive a tank fast. He commanded the Yonphyong islet operation which give the US imperialists and south Korean puppets (to use a northern Irish term) a good blattering. Dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** is also a benevolent father of the people. He took steps to safeguard the health and wellbeing of mourners last December, such setting stands for people to get a hot drink, when the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** passed away. Now dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**

is exerting every effort to improve the living standards of the people.

Visiting Pyongyang after the space of 5 months we could see many new structures and buildings with a number under construction or existing buildings being renovated. During the day and night you could hear the sounds of construction. It was really amazing. The Rungna People's Pleasure Ground has been newly opened. This consists of 2 fun fairs, a dolphinarium and an outside water sports facility. Who can say that the DPRK is not prosperous?

Pyongyang unlike London has several fun fairs, the 2 at Rungna, the Kaeson Youth Park, Mangyongdae Amusement Park and the Taesongsan Amusement Park. London's only main fun fair at Battersea park was closed in 1974. Generally fun fairs in the UK are expensive and often located far from towns and cities or on the coast. (plus a poor safety record and highly exploitative conditions for staff). However the Rungna People's Pleasure Ground is basically free to Koreans. Visiting the pleasure ground it was a total contrast to the imperialist media's false image of socialism as being grey. There were bright lights and stalls selling food. Section chief Kim Su Ho explained that power is supplied to the funfair all the time and the funfair does not close until midnight. Visiting it I saw thousands of Korean people, all age groups. Visiting the fun fair I could see that Korean people were not starving or repressed like the Western media say but actually know how better to enjoy themselves than the people of the West. The Korean people lead good emotional and cultural lives. They are happier than people in the capitalist countries and have a different outlook on life. There is plenty for young people to do instead either sitting at home or roaming the streets looking for trouble.

On September 9th I was able to witness Korean people enjoying their national holiday at the excellent Central Zoo.

Also on September 9th there were people celebrating national day by dancing in front of Pyongyang Railway Station.

Basically the Korean people looked far happier than ordinary working people in the UK and capitalist countries. In my country the UK many workers suffer from depression but in the socialist DPRK I saw happy people who knew only the joys of life. There were no starving or homeless people. It is a big lie that there is starvation. Josef Goebbels Hitler's so called Minister of Information and Propaganda once said if you repeat a big lie often enough, people will accept it as a truth. This is precisely what the media of the capitalist countries do in relation to the DPRK.

In the DPRK it is quite safe for children to walk on the streets not just during the day time but even at night, at midnight. In London is not safe for children to be on the streets during the day for fear of kidnap by paedophile degenerates. The DPRK does not have pornography or prostitution.

I witnessed the deep reverence of the Korean people for their leaders. Firstly at the statues on Mansu Hill where people come all the time to pay tribute to the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** and Chairman **KIM JONG IL.** The respect of not only the people of the DPRK but also south Korea and Koreans in Japan, Russia, China and elsewhere was manifested in the exhibition of gifts. One could see that many hours, days and nights had devoted to making the gifts. This is newly opened in Mangyongdae District and houses the gifts sent by Korean people (there is an international exhibition at Mt Myohyang.)

The story of the history of the Korean nation and its liberation by the great President **KIM IL SUNG** is told the spectacular and colourful pageant of "Arirang". We were deeply lucky to see the last performance of the season. Arirang is now better than ever. It was held at the May Day Stadium on Rungna

Island. Arirang is a work of true genius. It outshone the banal opening ceremony of the London Olympics. The performance of Arirang requires a high level of discipline, unity and order. As such this is only available in the DPRK, based on single-hearted unity around the Juche idea, the party and leader. My guide Miss Kim said she had been an Arirang dancer in 2008.

I enjoyed an excellent art performance at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on national day. It was of very high quality indeed particularly the dance Azaleas of the Homeland and also the song "*Advance, advance*", a video showing the tanks of the Korean People's Army advancing into Seoul during the Fatherland Liberation War. Pyongyang has many theatres including the newly built People's Theatre in Changjon Street.

I was also privileged to be able to visit the KPA Military Hardware Museum. I thought as a foreigner I would not be allowed to visit it. The museum was built under the guidance of the dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**. It is of a very high standard with an imaginative layout (even has its own narrow gauge railway line) and well designed and constructed scale models as well as original pieces of military hardware. Everything is of Korean make. The DPRK is able to defend itself and win victory by its own efforts. No one should doubt the power of Songun. I saw the exhibition of strategic rockets and missiles and thought to myself it is a case of Goodbye Yanks, goodbye south Korean puppets. The USA could be destroyed at the push of a button! There was also a section on international warfare including a section on Iraq. Visiting the exhibition I became even more firmly convinced that the DPRK under the wise leadership of respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** will one day fully display the power of Songun and reunify the country by driving the hated US imperialists into the sea! May the imperialists suffer a second and third Yonphyong islet!

I was also able to visit the Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front of south Korea and converse with its chief Jo Il Min. We in the JISGE and ASSPUK are proud to have such excellent friends as the AINDF. A film about "Ulji Freedom Guardian" was shown. This showed the war moves of the US imperialists and south Korean puppets along with mercenary troops of pro US satellite nations. The AINDF friends stressed that Korea is the only country in the world that knows the pain of national division. We exchanged gifts and then had an excellent luncheon in a fraternal and cordial manner.

I met again comrade Kim Ki Nam, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK and the chairman of the SSSK.

I was also able to meet colleagues from the Korean Association for Friendship with British People, the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and the Korean Publications Exchange Association.

I was sad to leave Pyongyang on September 11th and also felt sad that other friends from the ASSPUK and JISGE were not there to share it with me.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY IN THE FATHERLAND LIBERATION WAR

I visited the DPRK from the 23rd of July to July 30th, at the invitation of the DPRK Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, to participate in the grand celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War and to participate in the international march for peace and reunification of Korea.

July 27th marked the 60th anniversary of the Korean people's great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War. US commander general Mark Clark lamented he was the first US army commander to sign an armistice without a victory. The victory in the Fatherland Liberation War was due to the great Juche idea of the great leader Generalissimo **KIM IL SUNG** and the unparalleled heroism of the Korean People's Army.

I arrived in Pyongyang on July 23rd and was greeted at the airport by Mrs Kim Un Ok, secretary general of the Korean Association for Friendship with the British People and desk officer of the Europe Dept. of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries. This time I was accommodated in the majestic Yanggakdo International Hotel which has 43 floors and is situated on an island on the Taedong River. The rooms command a bird's eye of Pyongyang city and there is an excellent revolving restaurant which serves the most delicious food. On the ground floor there are several restaurants and a number of shops that sell DPRK-made products.

Pyongyang was literally a buzz with excitement. Many delegations of different parties, societies and groups from all corners of the earth came to the DPRK. Parties such as Workers' Party of Bangladesh, the Communist Party of the Russian Federation led by Secretary of the Central Committee, the Czechoslovak Communist Party, the Communist Party of Belarus, the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist), the Communist Party of Germany, the Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist), the Communist Party of Chile (Proletarian Action) and the Ukrainian Communist Party to name just a few. This shows the deep respect of the world revolutionary movement for the DPRK. Friendship delegations came from Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Russia, France, Mongolia, Brazil, Spain, Britain, Ireland, Switzerland, Germany, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Representatives of international Juche Idea Studyorganizations were also present.

It was a wonderful opportunity to meet old friends such as Alejandro Cao De Benos President of the Korean Friendship Association and also Martin Lotscher as well getting acquainted with people such as Raymond Maxwell Ferguson of the Australia-DPRK friendship society the author of the book "Korea Welfare State". I also met many old Korean friends such as the section chief of the Social Scientists Society of Korea and Mr. Jo Il Min head of the Pyongyang Mission of the AINDF.

During our meeting with the AINDF we were shown an excellent video exposing the pathetic attempts of the US imperialists to portray the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement as some kind of victory, all rather perverse and flying in the face of historical fact. Had the US imperialists won, the DPRK would not exist.

The situation in the DPRK is extremely good. Pyongyang is alive with massive construction work everywhere including many new apartment blocks. Since I last visited the DPRK in

September 2012 many new cultural-leisure facilities such as the Ryugyong Health Complex have opened. On our way to Kaesong and Sinchon we could see crops growing in the fields well. There were maize plants as tall as a person. The rice looked lush and green and the beautiful rice paddies seemed to stretch for miles.

Nowadays there seem to be fewer Western products in hotel shops but mostly DPRK-made products (partly because of the US/UNSC sanctions). In the long run the attempt of the US imperialists and international reactionaries will boomerang on them as the probably long term effect of the sanctions will be greatly stimulate the DPRK's domestic industry. Indeed basic products are very cheap. I was able to buy DPRK made batteries "My Home Town" for 0.10p,1 tenth of the minimum price of the cheapest batteries in the UK. A striking demonstration of the superiority of the DPRK's Juche-based independent socialist planned economy!

There were plenty of new play parks for kids by blocks of flats in the streets of Pyongyang. Childcare is free in the DPRK. My guide Mrs Kim Un Ok told me that her son goes to full time nursery free of charge. In the UK someone like Mrs Kim would not be able to go out to work or would be able to work only part time due to lack of childcare or the high cost of it.

I participated in the International Peace March which was joined by high level officials like SPA vice president Yang Hyong Sop. They also wore the same T-shirts as the marchers. The DPRK is indeed an egalitarian society with no big distinctions between high officials and ordinary people. The march was accompanied by the excellent woman's band of the Ministry of People's Security who were dressed in attractive and glamorous outfits that were eye catching. The banner of the UK Korean Friendship Association was proudly carried by Korean friends!

At Panmunjom I witnessed the crime of Korea's division. One could see that there was no geographical or physical logic to Korea's division. It was the artificial creation of the US imperialists. The Yanks and south Korean puppets appeared to be hiding out of view. We visited the actual hall where the Armistice Agreement was signed. The area was very tense and we had to enter the DMZ in single file according to nationality. Later we marched through the streets of Kaesong. I spoke at the mass rally against US hostile policy in the beautiful and historic city of Kaesong. This was a great honour for me.

We witnessed the heinous mass slaughter carried out by the US imperialists at Sinchon. Here the US imperialists murdered 35,383 people. The atrocities of the US imperialists in Korea greatly exceeded those of the Third Reich. Some of the methods of killing people surpassed the Hitlerite Nazis in terms of savagery and bestiality. Particularly sickening and horrific was the murder of mothers and children in the Chestnut valley. What I found shocking is that Sinchon County is such as beautiful and peaceful place but the US imperialists, outsiders, unwanted by the Korean nation, chose to commit some of the worst barbarities of the 20th century here. It was not just the US imperialists that carried out the massacre but also class enemies such as overthrown landlords, former capitalists and exploiters did. We must never forget the crimes carried out by the US imperialists and class enemies. An indignation meeting was held and was addressed by veteran peace campaigner Ramsey Clark who is a former attorney general of the US.

There were many colourful, exciting and dynamic events that took place. Undoubtedly the high point of these, the pinnacle was the giant July 27 war victory parade and mass demonstration of civilians. I have seen nothing like it. It put the military parades of the former socialist countries such as the USSR and East Germany to shame. There was an amazing

array of fire-power demonstrating the massive Juche-orientated military might of Songun Korea led by dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**. Helicopter pilots daringly buzzed the parade flying between buildings, demonstrating the capacity of the DPRK to wage urban warfare. For the first time the DPRK's long range bomber aircraft roared above **KIM IL SUNG** Square. As Kim Yong Nam said at the national meeting a day earlier "Only July 27 of victory will be in store for the DPRK as the undying feats **KIM IL SUNG** performed by winning the victory in the war and the Songun revolutionary exploits of **KIM IL SUNG** and **KIM JONG IL** are shedding their rays and there are the invincible Paektusan army and the great unity of the army and people wisely led by Marshal **KIM JONG UN.**"

At the end of the parade dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** waved cheerfully to the audience. Watching the parade I was even more firmly convinced of the final victory of the Korean people over US imperialism.

We saw many KPA veterans at the parade and the other events. They were dressed in the olive green fatigues of the KPA at the time. Despite their advanced age they looked quite healthy. The DPRK treats its war vets well unlike capitalist countries where ex-soldiers end up unemployed and on drugs or even homeless or prison. Here in the DPRK they were given pride of place.

The DPRK pays great attention to the emotional and cultural lives of the people as taught by the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL.**

As well as the military parade and the national meeting there were a variety of lively events. Pride of place should go to Arirang whose theme this time was a wonderful Fatherland Liberation War showing the feats of the Korean People's Army led by the great leader Generalissimo **KIM IL SUNG,** the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and genius strategists in defeating the US imperialists aggressors. This was

my third time to see Arirang. It demonstrated the unity and efficiency of the DPRK led by dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**.

We were treated to a grand firework extravaganza at the newly reconstructed Fatherland Liberation War Museum. The fireworks provided an exciting backdrop to the War Victory Statue. indeed the fireworks seemed to represent the flames of victorious war destroying the US imperialists. There was a brilliant performance of the Unhasu Orchestra which skilfully and creatively used a video backdrop to enhance the music. Songs from the Fatherland Liberation War such as the "Song of National Defence" were played as well the famous song "Peace Is Guaranteed by Force of Our Arms". This song makes the point that peace is not secured by submission but by the weapons of the DPRK's revolutionary armed forces. It was sang by the beautiful singer Ms Hwang Un Mi at first solo and then with backing singers. Later the same day we enjoyed the soiree of the youth and students of Pyongyang. Part of the repertoire was the famous popular "Without a Break". It was good to see young people enjoying themselves and they all looked so happy. In my country many young people do not know how to enjoy themselves and turn to drugs and alcohol or to violence. In August 2011 the UK faced intense rioting by dissatisfied and angry young people. Here in the DPRK young people channel their energies to working for the country and peacefully enjoying themselves.

All in all a great visit and many things left to tell. I felt sad to leave the DPRK and return to capitalist Britain.

CHAPTER SIX

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF KOREA

I visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea again, for the 10th time, from the 8th of October to the 19th to attend the celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Workers' Party of Korea, the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution and the organizer and guide of the Korean people. My visit was at the kind invitation of the Social Scientists Society of Korea (SSSK). I am very grateful to the SSSK for their hospitality and Orassistance. iginally I was not so sure whether I should travel to the DPRK at the time when my aged mother had passed away on the 29th of August, some 6 weeks before I was due to travel. I was a bit apprehensive about making such a long and difficult journey was suffering the emotional effects of the bereavement. However I made up my mind to go. Simply sitting around doing nothing would not bring my mother back and moreover the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the great Workers' Party of Korea was an event not to be missed. I also needed to do research for my book "In Defence of Songun" and hold some working level discussions with the Social Scientists Society of Korea concerning it.

It turned out to a great visit and after visit I was very disappointed to leave to go back to the capitalist world where everything seems so depressing and miserable. During my visit I learnt many new things and became more convinced

of the superiority of Juche-based socialism and the Songun idea, despite the slanders of the imperialists and reactionaries. Before my visit the US imperialists and other reactionaries spread rumours about a nuclear test and a missile test and the south Korean fascist puppets spoke about "provocation in October" but such things never happened.

Only less 2 months before I had visited, the situation had been very tense owing to the provocations of the south Korean puppets and the US imperialists who staged Ulji Freedom Guardian under the pretext of a mysterious landmine explosion to bring the situation close to war. However the strong stance of dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** brought the south Korean puppets to the negotiating table and war was averted.

After a long and tense journey via Shanghai and Beijing I arrived at the new Pyongyang International Airport on the 8th of October. The weather was fine. I was met at the airport by an official of the Social Scientists Society of Korea and by my guide for the trip Ms Ri, a smartly dressed young lady with a brisk and confident walk who was a university student. Seeing the new Airport itself was a surprise! All trace of the old Sunan airport was gone and instead a new modern airport that is spacious and bright. It was constructed by the soldier constructors of the Korean People's Army totally self-reliantly in the spirit of Juche. Many countries can of course boast of modern airports but these are constructed with the "help" of foreign capital whereas Pyongyang International Airport is 100 % Korean in construction and design. The dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** gave on the spot guidance to the reconstruction of Pyongyang International Airport several times pointing out that it must adhere to the Juche character and national character. There is no HSBC, no McDonald's, no Starbucks, no KFC! Everything is Korean owned and

managed! It was a contrast to a certain neighbouring country whereas the first thing you can see on coming out of arrivals is a McDonald's rather than a symbol of the country concerned or an enterprise owned by that country. What a poor show! Really the reconstruction of Pyongyang International Airport just goes to prove the superiority and vitality of the Juche-based, self-reliant and independent national economy.

DPRK has changed many times since the first time I set foot in the country in May 1992 and indeed many new buildings had appeared since my last visits in 2012 and 2013. Just before I arrived, the Paektusan Songun Youth Hero Power Station was completed along with many other structures and complexes. Even on the way from the airport I could saw lots of new greenhouses to grow fresh vegetables. From the top of the Tower of Juche Idea I saw many new buildings and structures that had appeared within the past few years.

Moored on the Taedong River was the new pleasure boat the Mujigae which was the size of a giant ocean liner. We do not have such a large pleasure boat on the Thames River in London. More construction work is planned, for example the further expansion of **KIM IL SUNG** University.

Pyongyang was in a truly festive mood ready for October 10th. The Workers' Party of Korea was founded on October 10 by the great leader president **KIM IL SUNG** 70 years ago and is the organizer and guide of the all the victories of the Korean people and the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution. The 70 years since the WPK was founded passed rapidly but saw world startling transformations. The WPK under the leadership of great President **KIM IL SUNG** and the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** has traversed a road of victory and glory. The cause of the Juche-orientated party building, started by the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** and Chairman

KIM JONG IL, is now being dynamically carried forward by the dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**.

The red flag of the Workers' Party of Korea with its distinct hammer, sickle and writing brush could be seen flying gaily in the wind on many streets. Visiting the Monument to Party Foundation I learnt the fact the sickle, brush and hammer are upright to symbolize the single-hearted unity of the masses and that the writing brush is higher to reflect the importance of intellectuals in society.

The Workers' Party of Korea which was founded on October 10th 1945 originally as the Communist Party of North Korea by the great President **KIM IL SUNG.** It is led today by the dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** and is a Juche type party totally different to both bourgeois parties such as Tory and New Labour and also to the former ruling parties of the socialist countries. It is different because it is rooted to the popular masses. It was not formed as a result of a sudden decision but its formation was a process that actually spanned several decades starting with the formation of the Down-with-Imperialism Union on October 17th 1926 by the great President **KIM IL SUNG**. Indeed the process did not come to an end on October 10th 1945 but a further merger of parties took place in 1946 between the Communist Party of North Korea and the New Democratic Party to form the Workers' Party of North Korea. This prevented the forces of the working masses being split. In 1949 the Workers' Party of North Korea merged with the Workers' Party of south Korea to form a unified party for the whole of Korea, the Workers' Party of Korea. Indeed the road travelled by the Workers' Party of Korea since October 10th 1945 has been one of continuous struggle, development and Thconsolidation. e WPK has unceasingly struggled against imperialism and class enemies. It has always opposed modern revisionism

and also Left opportunism. The WPK is proudly known throughout the world, from Sao Paulo to Vladivostok, for its struggle for socialism for example the Pyongyang Declaration and the WPK struggle against imperialism.

Of course the DPRK is one of the few countries in the world, probably the only country in fact, where you will see the Red flag flying on street corners which reflects the fact that the DPRK is upholding the red banner of socialism frustrating all attempts to undermine socialism as dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** said in his recently published work of the 4th of October "***The Cause of the Great Party of Comrades KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL Is Ever-Victorious***".

"**We must keep a watchful eye over the various moves by the enemy to undermine our socialist system from within, approach these moves with political awareness and never allow any poisonous weeds of capitalism, however trifling, to sprout in the garden of socialism**."

The US imperialists, who have a pathological hatred of DPRK, and class enemies and all sorts of reactionaries are indeed persisting in all kinds of moves to undermine Juche-based socialism from within, particularly by ideological and cultural infiltration and psychological warfare as well as tricks like smuggling in agents disguised as "missionaries" or "NGO" workers etc., businessmen and even tourists. Also the US imperialists and their followers are trying to use the "human rights" issue to smear and tarnish the reputation of the DPRK but also to destabilise it from within. In the past the US imperialists and other Western imperialists used the "human rights" issue against the Soviet and other socialist countries and instigated the "Helsinki process" which eventually led to the collapse of socialism in those countries. Since my last visit in 2013 the Korean people led by dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** successfully smashed the modern day factionalist clique, who

was hand in glove with the imperialists and other enemies of DPRK. The most dangerous enemy a country can face is the enemy within, one enemy inside is equal to a hundred outside. The modern factionalist clique was exposed and smashed at the meeting of the WPK political bureau in December 2013 and the traitor was liquidated according to the will of the people. By defeating the modern day factionalists the Korean people defied the imperialists and big power chauvinists. After the defeat of the counter-revolutionary factionalist clique socialist construction entered a period of great upsurge. Now the people are united even more solidly around supreme leader dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** singing the song "*We Acknowledge Only You"*and "*Our Revolutionary Armed Forces Support the Marshal's Leadership Only"*. Truly the whole people are united around their supreme leader dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN**.

The single-hearted unity of the DPRK was powerfully demonstrated by the massive military parade, civilian demonstration and torchlight procession of youths.

It was my third time to see a KPA military parade; I also watched the parades in 2012 and 2013. The military parade was a superb pageant and it showed the true precision, efficiency and discipline of the Korean People's Army under the leadership of dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** and the Workers' Party of Korea. Such discipline, unity and efficiency would be impossible in an imperialist country (which are rent by social and class contradictions) or revisionist country! No other army has such discipline.

Before the parade started, the DPRK National Flag and the flag of the Workers' Party of Korea were hoisted onto the flagpole. Chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army reviewed and greeted the troops. Dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** took the reviewing stand to stormy applause.

The parade was led by a column representing the anti-Japanese guerrillas which was symbolic of the continuity of the revolution down the generations. There were the original tanks from the Fatherland Liberation War including tank No. 312 which was the first tank into Seoul on the 28th of July 1950, a subtle reminder to the south Korean puppets of the fate that awaits them if they provoke a war. Indeed I have no doubt that if a war broke out, the KPA under the command of dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** will destroy south Korea within hours and liberate south Korea and reunify the country with the flag of the DPRK flying over Seoul and Mt Halla!

Marchers included the Korean Children's Union, with the song of the Children's Union being gaily played and, also the Young Red Guards, a paramilitary organization of youth and students which was founded in 1970.

There was an impressive display of military hardware which included not only tanks and missiles but also unmanned aircraft and long range missiles as well as a nuclear suicide unit which shows that if necessary the KPA under the command of supreme leader dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** can strike back at the US imperialists in any part of the world. The US now acknowledges that the DPRK can hit the US mainland with their nuclear weapons, as the Washington Times newspaper of the 13th of October said

"*Now, North Korea can play the mutually assured destruction game just like the United States and other nuclear powers*". US admiral Gortney commander of the US northern command stated "*they (*the DPRK) *have the weapons, and they have the ability to miniaturize those weapons, and they have the ability to put them on a rocket that can range the homelands,*" This means the DPRK is now on an equal footing with the US and other nuclear haves. The US imperialists may be able to run but they can never hide from the merciless strike of the KPA!

One innovation was an ingenious display by planes (which were 100 per cent DPRK made) that flew in the formation of the WPK symbol and in the formation of a number 70 (representing the WPK's 70 years of history, such creativity and skill!) Jets flew above the Tower of Juche Idea and emitted smoke which was coloured red, white and blue the colours of the DPRK national flag.

The military parade was followed by a civilian demonstration. This was very colourful indeed. The civilian marchers were just as enthusiastic as the service personnel. I was particularly impressed to see a float with the picture of Chairman **KIM JONG IL** standing in a field of bumper crops. The fact that the civilian demonstration came after the military parade demonstrated the army people unity which is quite impossible in capitalist society where there is conflict between the people and the armed forces. Generally speaking in capitalist countries the armed forces serve as an instrument of class rule and oppression by the capitalist ruling class. Also in the UK the armed forces became despised as they were regarded as a place for the uneducated, illiterate and rough people who were incapable of doing any job, with soldiers being called "thick squaddies". I told my guide, Ms Ri that in my country there is conflict between the army and the people giving the example of the town where I grew up: there was an army barracks in the centre of town but it had to be moved into the countryside far outside town because each night the soldiers would go out and get drunk in pubs (Ms Ri said in her opinion the British Army is not a proper army as the KPA soldiers do not drink and observe discipline at all times) and beat up the civilians. This illustrated the deep conflict between the people and armed forces in imperialist society. However in the DPRK there is a powerful unity between the army and people, their destinies

are welded together in the defence of socialism. It is regarded as a great honour to be a soldier in the DPRK and soldiers enjoy the respect of society.

Dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** addressed the parade; his voice was clear, resonant and strong full of conviction. He said:

"**For our country and people, October 10 is a significant revolutionary holiday when they celebrate the founding anniversary of the genuine vanguard of the revolution, its militant General Staff, which has taken responsibility for their destiny and is leading them.**"

He continued:

"**Today our Party can proudly state that our revolutionary armed forces are capable of fighting any type of war the US imperialists may resort to, and have made full preparations for firmly defending the blue skies of the country and the security of the people**."

This served as a stern warning to the foolhardy and aggressive US imperialists who dream of starting a second Korean war and invading the DPRK.

Marshal **KIM JONG UN** in his speech put forward the three point policy of the WPK to pay attention to the armed forces, to youth and to the people.

Military parades in the DPRK are different from those in former socialist countries as in the DPRK the paraders march with vigour and enthusiasm and with colourful displays. Probably no other country in the world can put on such a magnificent parade and civilian demonstration. In the UK war events to celebrate the anniversary of the end of the Second

World War were rather paltry and subdued affairs. In the capitalist countries there can be no single hearted unity like in the DPRK. Instead of parades celebrating unity or success in constructive work there are so called "Gay Parade" marches in which thousands of degenerates in outlandish costumes prance along the streets in a vulgar spectacle.

In the former socialist countries the military parades looked gloomy. I can remember watching a video of a parade staged by the East German revisionists in 1989 shortly before the collapse of the German Democratic Republic, it looked grey and formalistic without colour and spirit but the KPA military parade was full of vigour and colour. The Soviet Union used to hold big military parades but at the same time put up the slogans "peaceful co-existence" and "detente" rendering their military parades impotent and virtually meaningless displays devoid of anti-imperialist content. Today some big powers may put on big military parades but these are just for show with no real content, the troops of these countries also lack a genuine militant anti-imperialist spirit whereas the KPA has emblazoned on its tanks and armour the slogan *"Let us wipe out the US imperialist aggressors, the sworn enemy of the Korean people!"*

The grand military parade of the Korean People's Army on October 10th fully demonstrated the invincible power of Songun! The KPA is strong not just in terms of military hardware but in discipline and unity. Seeing the parade I became more convinced of the validity of the Songun idea and Songun politics and resolved to complete my book "In Defence of Songun"

When both the military parade and civilian demonstration were over the dear respected leader Marshal **KIM JONG UN** waved to the crowd. The atmosphere was truly electric with people jumping up and down cheering! It seemed unbelievable

and unreal that I, an ordinary British worker, could be within 10 or 20 metres from the leader of one of the most powerful countries. Seeing the crowds cheering and people jumping up and down I was totally of the Korean people fervent and enthusiastic support for dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN.**

In the evening there was a militant torchlight parade of youths followed by a colourful firework display. Although the weather was unfavourable the Korean young people did not flinch but took part in the parade with vigour and militancy! This was because they were happy to celebrate the important anniversary of the Party. The DPRK government is not afraid of putting large numbers of young on the streets whereas in the UK the government would never risk putting such large numbers of youth on the streets as this could led to a riot. Indeed shortly after my visit to the DPRK the UK witnessed the Halloween riots of young people in Lambeth and the chaos of the "Million Mask march" of anarchists which ended in violence with a number of people arrested or injured. The UK has a history of rioting. The most recent riots was in the August 2011 which saw 5 deaths, many people injured and over 3,000 arrested and jailed. Where I live in Woolwich the riots were particularly severe with parts of the town centre being destroyed. Previously in the 1980s there had been riots in Brixton, Tottenham, Liverpool and many other places. The 2011 riots, however, were on a much bigger scale and intensity than the 1980s riots in the UK. The US too has a long history of riots such as in St Louis, Missouri. Mass shootings frequently occur in the US and some other capitalist countries. Terrorism with heavy loss of life is also commonplace.

Such occurrences would be impossible in the DPRK where the people are fully united around the leader and party and form a harmonious integral whole. The situation in the so called "advanced" capitalist countries is in contrast to the Juche

socialist Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The DPRK is one of the most stable countries on earth, in fact probably the most stable country in the world. Young people there do not riot but instead act as the shock brigade in socialist construction and take part with vigour in the defence of the country. The DPRK is based on the socialist ownership of the means of production so there is no social inequality. There are no social contradictions and no racial discrimination. In the DPRK there is no unemployment, there are no spending cuts and taxation was abolished in 1974.

The DPRK is based on the Juche idea, the philosophical principle of which is that man is the master. Thus because of the socialist ownership of the means of production which is both underpinned and enhanced by the Juche idea, people in the DPRK have a high sense of 'taking ownership' of 'stake-holding' which does not exist in any capitalist country. Moreover politics in the DPRK are based on benevolence and trust, the supreme principle of the party and the state is to improve living standards.

I also attended the 10,000 strong joint performance "*Great Party, Rosy Korea*". This was a very new concept for me as it was performed on a floating stage on the Taedong River, something unique and I have never seen this before anywhere else in the world. I have certainly never seen such a performance in London. 10,000 is probably the highest number of performers in the world.

The performance was started by schoolchildren but centred on veteran artistes of the DPRK such as the Mansudae Art Troupe. The famous Pochonbo and Wangjaesan bands took the stage to perform such classic numbers as "*Pyongyang is Best*" and also "*Let's Defend Socialism*". There were so many fascinating pieces of music. Veteran artistes and performers of the DPRK are greatly respected and valued.

The history of the DPRK, from the years of the anti-Japanese armed struggle was represented by music and stunning choreography. I liked seeing a model of the Fatherland Liberation tank No. 312 on the stage, a wonderful creative touch. The most striking piece was "Peace Is Guaranteed by Force of Our Arms". The lead singer for this was a beautiful woman singer in uniform with a powerful and striking voice. This was performed against a striking backdrop showing the US flag and White House being destroyed. This demonstrates the strong and militant anti-imperialist spirit of the DPRK which is not seen in other countries. The DPRK fights US imperialism without compromise unlike some countries.

The anti-imperialist, anti-US spirit of the DPRK was also fully demonstrated at the new Sinchon Museum. Sinchon is the fateful place where the US imperialists and local class enemies committed the crime of murdering 35,383 people or one quarter of the population (can you imagine the death toll if the same thing was done in London, it would 2.2 million people dead!). It is an understatement to say the US imperialists are just as bad as Hitler's Nazis, in fact they were much worse! A museum was built at the site of one of the massacres not simply as a memorial to those who died but also as a centre of anti-US anti- imperialist class education. Dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** visited the original Sinchon Museum on the 24th of November 2014 and said that the massacres committed by the US imperialist aggressors in Sinchon evidently showed that they are cannibals and homicides seeking pleasure in slaughter and that the Korean people would never forget the brutal atrocities committed by the US murderers and class enemies in Sinchon and many other areas of the northern half of Korea**.**

Marshal **KIM JONG UN** instructed that the museum should be rebuilt and modernized so as to serve as a centre of anti-US class education. He also gave instructions that it

should be moved to the site of where the massacre took place in the Chestnut valley as previously those who visited the old museum had to travel between sites, the new museum affords greater convenience. The new museum is much larger than the old one and has more detailed and graphic displays some with sound effects which tell of the horrendous crimes committed by the barbaric and degenerate Yankee imperialists against the Korean people. I also saw a sign pointing to the revenge pledge taking site.

The crimes committed by the US imperialists were so vile that a young lady guide with our party became overcome with emotion with tears in her eyes. We learnt about the long history of US aggression against Korea which goes back over 150 years. In the past the devious US imperialists used religion as a means to brainwash people with hypocritical and sanctimonious mumbo-jumbo so as to create passivity and US worship infiltrating many missionaries into Korea to spread the worship of the US and to recruit spies and collaborators. This still goes on today with the US imperialists sending in spies under the cloak of religion or "co-operation" and "exchange".

My eye was caught by a depiction of Korean shown helping the US imperialists. This was a former landlord. Thus the US imperialists were the external enemy but were helped by internal class enemies like former exploiters. The two were hand in glove. Today the reactionary exploiting class in south Korea led by puppet boss woman Park Geun Hye, the daughter of the notorious fascist dictator Park Chung Hee, is hand in glove with the US imperialists in their anti-DPRK moves. My guide Ms Ri explained that the nature of the US imperialists does not change. I was able to purchase an excellent booklet *Sinchon Accuses the Yankee barbarians!* Probably the DPRK is the only country in the world to have such a museum, none

of the other socialist countries, former or present, carried out such thoroughgoing anti-US anti-imperialist class education and it intends to step it up. The former socialist countries did not carry out anti-imperialist class education like the DPRK but instead promoted illusions about US imperialism, the former USSR even allowed a Pepsi Cola factory to be established on its soil thus corrupting and degenerating the spirit of the Soviet people. A neighbouring country had videos promoting the American way of life on their Airline. However Korean people hate the US imperialists and are full of resolve to fight the US imperialists until final victory and taking revenge a 100 fold and a 1000 fold.

The anti-imperialist spirit of the Korean people was also manifested at the magnificent Fatherland Liberation War Museum. The museum was completely renovated and expanded in 2013 to the mark the 60th anniversary of the Fatherland Liberation War. The Museum serves as a centre for education in the Songun idea and Juche-based military tactics as well as for anti-US, anti-imperialist education. The museum was originally constructed in the 1970s and in 1993 the Fatherland Liberation War Monument park was built. Now a completely new wing of the new museum has been built. It is fronted by the famous War Victory monument with ornate gardens. When you enter the Museum there is a colour statue of the great leader generalissimo **KIM IL SUNG** in the Marshal's uniform.

President **KIM IL SUNG** looks identical to the dear respected leader Marshal **KIM JONG UN.**

Here at the museum one could learn the fact that the US imperialists provoked the Korean War and also of the crushing defeat inflicted on them by the heroic Korean People's Army commanded by the great leader Generalissimo **KIM IL SUNG** the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and gifted

military strategist of Juche. TheF atherlandL iberationW ar was a real David and Goliath struggle between the new born DPRK and the US imperialists who hurled in massive armed forces including forces of 15 satellite countries of the US. The US imperialists heavily bombed the DPRK, dropping 1 bomb per a head of population as well committing numerous brutal massacres. The Fatherland Liberation War fought by the Korean people was a just national liberation war to defend its territory from the invasion of US imperialism and liberate the south, it was a just reunification war and also a severe struggle against the class enemies. It was also a war to defend the socialist camp and to defend world peace.

The guide to the museum a tall slim girl in a smart green uniform pointed out that the UK had sent troops to the fight for the US imperialists in the war. This made me feel guilty and embarrassed. It is to my eternal s shame that my country sent troops to fight against the Korean people to prevent the liberation of south Korea and the reunification of Korea. Basically the government of Clement Attlee, which some praise as a "reformist" government but was in reality a capitalist government, continued with imperialist policies after the Second World War in which the UK had become severely weakened, Attlee made the UK subservient to the US and made the UK be a member of NATO.

Attlee sent British young men to die in Korea to please his Yankee masters. The British Communist Party and the progressive forces opposed the sending of British troops to Korea, The Fatherland Liberation War Museum has on display a "*Labour Monthly*" (a broad front publication of the Communist party) pamphlet on Korea.

Although the US imperialists threw in such large armed forces into the war on the 27th of July 1953 they conceded defeat by signing the Korean Armistice Agreement. The US

imperialists lost: over 1 500 000 men including about 405 000 US soldiers, 1 140 000 south Korean puppet troops, and 30 000 soldiers of their satellite states were killed, wounded or captured. Over 12 000 aeroplanes including "air fortress B-29" were downed, damaged or captured, over 7 000 tanks and armoured cars and bout 3 000 000 guns were lost and over 500 warships and vessels including the heavy cruiser Baltimore and the flagship of the Seventh Fleet Missouri were sank or damaged. The loss suffered by the US imperialists was nearly 2.3 times greater than what they had suffered in the four years of the Pacific War during World War II.Displayed outside the museum, by the side of the War Memorial Park, were numerous captured US weapons including in pride of place the "USS Pueblo" which was captured on the 23rd of January 1968. The USS Pueblo was not a civilian oceanographic research ship as propagandized by the US imperialists but an armed spy ship with an arsenal of weapons as well as machine guns mounted on the ship. The captain of the ship foolhardily intruded deep into the waters of the DPRK whereupon the ship was captured by the Navy of the KPA. The US imperialists were panic stricken and demanded the ship and At the time ththe crew should be handed back. e US imperialists asked British premier Harold Wilson who had close business relations with the Soviet Union to ask the USSR to ask the DPRK to hand back the ship. The US imperialists pinned their hopes on Premier Wilson, "the Yorkshire Walter Mitty" and the Soviet revisionists to save the situation without the use of force but it did not work. The anti-imperialist, anti-revisionist DPRK was having none of it and refused to send back the ship despite the pressure of Soviet revisionists to hand back the ship. Neither Harold "the Yorkshire Walter Mitty" nor the Soviet modern revisionists were able to persuade the DPRK to hand back the ship. The

DPRK under the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** stood firm and refused to hand back the ship and it remains in the DPRK today, in a pride of place by the Fatherland Liberation War Museum. Originally it had been moored on the Taedong River near to the place where the USS general Sherman was sunk in 1866. The capture of the USS Pueblo and its crew was a great defeat for the US imperialists, firstly it exposed their covert intelligence operations to the world, secondly the nuclear blackmail and intimidation of the US imperialists fail to work on the DPRK demonstrating that if people fight back against the imperialists then they are can win, thirdly, it was a victory for the socialist camp and anti-imperialists forces because meant the socialist camp captured the sophisticated electronic equipment of the US imperialists. The DPRK in fact had made a great contribution to the socialist camp and international communist movement by capturing the ship.

Also on the display was the wreckage of the EC121 which was successfully shot down by the heroic Air Force of the Korean People's Army on the 15th of April 1969 as well as the helicopter shot down by AA gunners of the KPA on the 17th of December 1994. I remember hearing the news on BBC Radio 4 and immediately putting on the music "*No Motherland without You.*"

Displayed in the Fatherland Liberation War Museum were materials proving that the US imperialists started the war and there was a highly informative video which proved beyond all doubt that the US imperialists were author and initiators of the war.

We saw the diorama of the defeat of the US imperialists at Taejon on the 20th of July 1950 (the 20th of July is also my birthday).This is housed in its own special section with a revolving observation platform. It was in the battle of Taejon that the troops of the Korean People's Army smashed the so-called US Army 24th division. The KPA encircled the US

imperialist forces, General Dean its commander was taken prisoner by a young KPA soldier. It was a victory for the revolutionary Juche-orientated military tactics and Songun based art of command of the great leader Generalissimo **KIM IL SUNG**.

Here in the museum you could learn about the struggle of the Korean People's Army during the War particularly its young heroes such as Ri Su Bok, Jo Kun Sil and Kang Ho Yong. Ri Su Bok who scarified his precious young life when he was only 18 years old writing that "Nothing is more glorious than to dedicate my life to my one and only motherland." We saw an excellent full size model depicting the lives of the soldiers on Height 1211 which was known by the US imperialists as "heartbreak ridge". Height 1211 is very famous amongst Korean people as it was one of the most decisive battles during the Fatherland Liberation War. Had the Korean people lost Height 1211 then they would have had to retreat scores of kilometres and give up a huge area of land. The KPA built tunnels were they lived and worked. They even had an Ondol, Korean style under floor central heating system.

In the last section of the museum there were materials on the crushing defeat on the US imperialists inflicted by the KPA under the command of the great leader Marshal **KIM IL SUNG**. We could graphically see the defeat of the US imperialists with a depiction of Smith the graveyard general as well the confessions of the defeated US generals and politicians such as General Mark Clark who signed the Armistice Agreement who wearily confessed that he had "*the unenviable distinction of being the first US Army commander to sign an armistice without victory*". The Fatherland Liberation War Museum bears testament to the truth of the Songun idea.

Visiting the Tower of the Juche Idea which has pride of place on the riverside of the Taedong River one could really see that

the Juche idea towers above all other ideologies. Hearing the simple but profound explanation of the Juche idea given by the English speaking guide at the tower I got an overwhelming sense of the absolute truth of Juche, that it is the ideology that everyone should follow. The imperialists and reactionaries oppose the Juche idea but its attraction is growing stronger and stronger even though the enemy does everything to obstruct the study of the Juche idea. At the Tower of the Juche Idea the support of the world people for the Juche idea is shown by a large number of stones donated by the Juche Idea Study Groups and world progressive figures.

There are over 1000 Juche Idea Study Groups in the world.

We visited **KIM IL SUNG** University the alma mater of the Chairman **KIM JONG IL.** The University is equipped with the latest facilities such as an e library as well as a swimming pool and gymnasium.

Further expansion of the university is planned in the coming years.

At the revolutionary museum of the **KIM IL SUNG** University I saw a picture of the great leader **KIM JONG IL** meeting Albanian students whilst he was a student at the university. This sparked off a train of thought in my mind. In the 1960s modern revisionism had emerged in the former USSR under the baton of the traitor Khruschov . One of Khruschov's acts was to disparage Albania and put pressure on it because it did not accept revisionism so it was an act of anti-revisionist solidarity by **KIM JONG IL** to visit the Albanian students as well an act contributing to the unity of the international communist movement and socialist countries. In the 1960s a complex situation developed in the international communist movement and socialist camp. A number of countries such as the DPRK and others did not accept revisionism but many socialist countries under the baton of the Soviet Union, accepted

revisionism. Some countries on the pretext of "anti-revisionist" actually took to ultra-leftism. Later a split between two of these "anti-revisionist" countries developed when one adopted the "open door" and "reform" policy, cosying up to the imperialists, and turned on it former supporter suspending co-operation with it, whereas the latter proclaimed itself "the only socialist country". China went through the "cultural revolution", then the "three worlds theory" and then "reform" and "open-up". The DPRK is the only socialist country in the world that has been consistent always adhered to the Juche Idea and sticking to its lines and policies, always maintaining an anti-imperialist stance and adherence to socialist principles. The DPRK firmly eschewed Right and Left deviations in building socialism. It avoided the twists and turns and "about faces" of some other countries. The DPRK also opposed splits in the international communist movement and the socialist camp believing that the best way is to "unite while struggling" and "struggle while uniting". The Workers' Party of Korea under the leadership of the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** maintained relations with communist and workers parties of many lands and all the socialist countries such We coas uld seAlbania, e the DPChina, RK's policCuba, y of uniUSSR ty witand hin thothers. e socialiThisst camp and internationaproved to be a most wise and prudent policy. l communist movement to say nothing of the immense reverence of the world people for the great leaders President **KIM IL SUNG** and Chairman **KIM JONG IL** evidenced at the International Friendship Exhibition House situated in the beautifully scenic and supremely serene Mt. Myohyang. The exhibition house is so big that it would take weeks and weeks to go around properly and see all the exhibits in detail. We went around only a small part of it. I was proud to see the gift we presented to dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** in July display. There was a beautiful carpet

picture, presented by Mongolia, of dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** and comrade Ri Sol Ju on display. Visiting the exhibition we could learn of the deep reverence of the world revolutionary and progressive people for President **KIM IL SUNG** who was the great elder of the international communist and working class movement.

President **KIM IL SUNG** received gifts large and small from the heads of socialist countries and the communist and workers parties. Probably the largest gifts were the trains sent by J V Stalin and Chairman Mao Zedong of China. After seeing the waxwork figure of the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG,** Ms Ri said that she felt that she was seeing the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** in real life!

The deep respect and reverence for the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG** and Chairman **KIM JONG IL** is also clearly manifested at the **Kimilsungia-Kimjongilia** exhibition near to the bank of the Taedong River. **Kimilsungia** was the flower named after President **KIM IL SUNG** by the then Indonesian president Sukarno(a progressive anti-imperialist leader) President **KIM IL SUNG** at first declined Sukarno's request to name the flower after him but Sukarno was insistent *saying* "Y*ou have rendered enormous services to mankind, so you deserve a high honour.*" So President **KIM IL SUNG** accepted the request.

Years later a famous Japanese botanist named a flower after Chairman **KIM JONG IL.** Nowadays every ministry and unit in the DPRK grows

Kimilsungia and **Kimjongilia a**nd send them to the exhibition as a gesture of their sincere longing for the President and the Chairman. Not just Koreans but Foreign Embassies as well as international organizations, Friendship organizations and Juche Idea Study Groups.

We visited the Arch of Triumph on the 14th of October which

was the 70th anniversary of the mass rally held in Pyongyang in 1945 to welcome President **KIM IL SUNG** back to Korea. This arch is taller than that of Paris, standing at 60 metres (the arch gateway being 27 metres high) and with a width of 52.5 metres. On one side it has 1925 and on the other side it has 1945, the dates of the start and finish of the anti-Japanese armed struggle led by the great leader President **KIM IL SUNG.**

No visit to Pyongyang is complete without a visit to the amazing Pyongyang Metro. The cost of ride on the Pyongyang Metro is the equivalent of 0.003p (according to a Google currency converter) so it is actually free and war veterans get completely free. In London the minimum cash fare is £4.80 or with Oyster card £2.30 meaning that fares on the Pyongyang Metro are at least 766 times cheaper than London Trains are frequent about one every 3 minutes and it is easy to get a seat on the train. The trains run on time. It is very efficient, my guide told me that she used the metro every morning to get her university. There were no queues or overcrowded stations. The Pyongyang Metro is clean, free from vandalism, graffiti, capitalist advertising and dirt! I told my guide how dirty the London Underground is and she asked why given the high fares on the Tube they cannot keep it clean! In contrast to the run-down public transport systems of London and other capitalist countries the Pyongyang Metro is almost palatial with chandeliers, marble columns and beautiful mosaics depicting socialist construction. The Pyongyang Metro is very safe as the platforms are wide and each station has 2 security girls who ensure the safety of passengers. In London ticket offices are being closed and the numbers of staff reduced. On the Pyongyang Metro there are no cases of people falling on to the tracks and delaying trains. The atmosphere was orderly with none of the fights between commuters or scenes of chaos

that I have witnessed on several occasions in London.

The DPRK is building many blocks of flats such as Mirae Scientists Street and handing them over to the people free of charge. This would be unthinkable in the UK where a flat on the riverside in central London cost £12 000 per month to rent or up to £1 million to buy. Even in the run down and poor Woolwich Dockyard area (where I live) a flat costs £200 000 to buy or £500 to £1 000 a month to rent (excluding the cost of electricity, gas, water, insurance and council tax). In the UK many people cannot afford to pay the rent and are evicted by greedy and cruel landlords, in 2015 11 000 families were evicted in the UK. Some 15 000 young people sleep rough on the streets of London.

Thanks to my dependable and reliable guide Ms Ri I was able to walk about the centre of Pyongyang which not only afforded me the opportunity of fresh air and exercise (which is important for my health)but gave me the chance to see the reality of the DPRK even more deeply before. Some enemies of the DPRK say that visitors to the DPRK simply stay in hotels and go around in tourist buses but do not really know the country. This was proved untrue. I actually encountered busy and bustling streets full of people. In the pedestrian underpasses there were no homeless people that you would expect to see in the capitalist countries. Indeed in London some pedestrian underpasses at night are full of homeless people, drunks, drug addicts, hooligans and lumpen criminal degenerate type people but in Pyongyang there was no such thing. Some parts of London are basically no go areas.

The DPRK is a highly moral society that does not have drug addiction nor does it have pornography or the so-called "sex industry" that the capitalist countries have which distorts human values and blights lives. There is no prostitution in the DPRK. In the UK and other so-called advanced capitalist countries every kind of vice, perversion and degeneracy are

promoted by the ruling class under the banner of "freedom" and "individuality".

In capitalist societies money can buy almost anything and there are all kinds of places for the rich to indulge their degenerate vices. In the DPRK it is safe for small children and women to walk the streets at night, however in London it impossible for children to go out on their own at night and indeed most parents are reluctant to even send children out on their own during the day.

Indeed the streets of Pyongyang at night seemed very animated and full of life, there were even students walking around reading books. Korean people take study very seriously. When I got back to the UK I reflected on the contrast between the two cities. At night the streets of London are full of drunks staggering about or street gangs in hoods and caps menacing people. Pyongyang was such a contrast. I got the impression of a country that was advancing fast as I saw plenty of construction work going on and passed several construction workers and KPA soldier builders in yellow hard hats. Pyongyang is the city that does not sleep. The construction was being carried out by Korean workers and soldiers rather by foreign workers and engineers this goes to prove the self-reliant nature of the DPRK.

It is different to the construction boom in the UK because here they only ever seem to build luxury flats, or new Sainsbury's, Tesco's and McDonalds whereas in the DPRK it is new low cost or free housing, health centres, schools. Hospitals etc that are being built. Homes are being built by Korean people for Korean people in the DPRK!

Pyongyang has plenty of shops. Not just tourist or souvenir shops but plenty of ordinary shops where the ordinary working people can buy things. Going along the street at night we passed many ordinary shops selling a variety of household goods and

other selling clothes and some selling sweets. Some Western media, so-called academic experts and even some people considered as friends of the DPRK spread rumours about "reform", "marketization" and "private shops" but Ms Ri said that the shops and small stalls "were not private" but socially controlled.

During my 10 visits to the DPRK I have never seen a "black market" dealer nor have I ever been approached by one. However I remember visiting revisionist Hungary in the 1980s and as soon as I got off the train people accosted me saying "change money!" Never has this happened in the DPRK! Nor were there spivs and cheats hanging around the airport as there were in a certain neighbouring country. Some enemies of the DPRK, both open and hidden, have tried to spread stories about "drug use" in the DPRK, saying that you can buy cannabis in farmers. I told my guide Ms Ri this, she firmly refuted this saying No, no, this was not something that existed in the DPRK.

The US imperialists and all sorts of reactionaries have over the past few years made wild allegations about "human rights violations" in the DPRK and even press-ganged some other countries to pass anti DPRK resolutions in the UN. Shamefully the UN has taken the side of the US imperialists is peddling anti-DPRK lies and propaganda by issuing a so-called "report on human rights" in the DPRK. The UN is a marionette of US imperialism, a sort of executive agency of the US controlled New World Order. We can remember years ago an old African comrade saying that the UN was simply the colonial office of US imperialism. The so-called report was itself contrary to the basic principles of the UN charter which rules out intervention in the internal affairs of members states. The Commission of Inquiry did not even allow the DPRK to put its case. Nor did it ever visit the DPRK. It evidence primarily came from so-called

"defectors", at least one of whom is a self-confessed liar.

The chairman of the Commission of Inquiry was an Australian judge Michael Kirby. Australia is a very pro-active member of the US-south Korea-Japan-Australia axis. The US has military bases in Australia These days the US is trying to create a NATO style structure in the Asia- Pacific region and Australia is a very much a key player in this. Ironically

Australia itself has a bad record of human rights violations of the indigenous Aborigine population.

Let's take a brief look at the background of Judge Michael Kirby himself. In 2002 an Australian senator demanded that Kirby stand down as a judge alleging that Kirby was a paedophile who used tax payers' money for cars to pick up rent boys (young male prostitutes). Whilst the allegations of paedophilia were un-proven as such there was a statement from a male prostitute alleging that Kirby had had an encounter with him. Is an individual with such an unsavoury past fit to sit in judgment on the dignified DPRK? (Kirby's also accused by some of giving lenient sentences to paedophiles). Kirby lived in luxury in Australia and recently sold his mansion for £10 million. Such a wealthy Person as Kirby is likely to be ill-disposed towards a socialist country Such as the DPRK.

More importantly in the past Kirby has been linked to front organizations of the US Central Intelligence Agency. Kirby is former president of the International Commission of Jurists, an organization created in West Berlin to investigate alleged human rights abuses in the German Soviet Zone which was funded by the CIA through the American Fund for Free Jurists and the Ford Foundation and its founders included the head of the CIA, Allen Dulles. The ICJ was created in opposition to the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. Kirby is also a supporter of the UK monarchy and opposed to Australian independence. Another member of the so-called "Commission

of Inquiry" M Darusman of Indonesia is a member of the US sponsored "Global Leadership Foundation" whose members include such reactionaries as George W Bush and Lech Walesa. Darusman is a member of the fascist Golkar party in Indonesia which was the party of Indonesian military fascist dictator Suharto who murdered 500,000 communists and leftists in Indonesia in 1965. Darusman himself is a criminal who should be judged for his crimes against Indonesian communists and leftists.

What lies behind the so-called report on "Human Rights" in the DPRK is a dishonest, malicious political purpose of the U.S. and its followers seeking to undermine the ideology and social system of the DPRK.

Now, the forces hostile toward the DPRK regard the "human rights issue" as a main lever for stifling it since they had no way out over the "nuclear issue". The aim is to create a Cold War style campaign of hysteria against the DPRK.

Such intense psychological warfare against the DPRK makes it difficult to organize effective solidarity with the DPRK challenging as those who defend the DPRK are also demonized by the campaign and victimized. A number of followers of the Juche idea and supporter of the DPRK were dismissed from their jobs or hounded out of their work in capitalist countries. I myself was given a disciplinary warning and forced to take early retirement from my job causing financial loss to me. Where was my freedom to believe in the Juche idea and support DPRK? What was the real human rights situation in the DPRK? Where were these giant "forced labour camps" and "concentration camps" that the imperialists and their UN mouthpieces allege exist in the DPRK? I could not see such a thing in fact I did not even see one barbed wire fence in the countryside nor large numbers of police or security personnel. It also should be mentioned that the DPRK countryside was free from crop

failure and famine. There is also a good level of social equality in the DPRK countryside with no big houses, no big private landed estates (or latifundia), no rich farmers or landlords, a genuine peoples countryside, a socialist countryside with the red flag flying high.

The imperialists claim that there are hundreds of thousands of people held in camps in the DPRK , such camps would have to be massive and with a huge number of guards but I did not see such a thing in the DPRK countryside. Moreover the DPRK is very peaceful and calm you rarely see emergency vehicles rushing through the busy streets. If it what the imperialists say about "human rights" and "forced labour camps" in the DPRK, then you would say police or security personnel on the streets arresting many people and putting them in lorries to go to "labour camps" or "concentrations camps" but I saw no such thing happen. I did not see heavily armed police on the streets that you sometimes encounter in London, either on the streets or at railway stations or at airports. Indeed on my last day in the DPRK I was able to go for a walk near the Mansudae Assembly Hall the home of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly, the highest organ of legislative power in the DPRK and roughly equivalent to the parliament. It was of course beautifully clean, almost clean enough to eat your lunch off the ground! The fountains gave a relaxing feel and it was like being in paradise. Now in London the area around the Houses of Parliament is a restricted area where movement is controlled and armed police units patrol. However in Pyongyang I see no police or security personnel in the area surrounding the Mansudae Assembly Hall. Of course the DPRK is a stable and harmonious unified society based on single hearted unity so there is no terrorism and no riots. In the DPRK there is unity between the armed forces and civilians so people do not fear or despise the armed forces.

I did not see the police oppressing anyone on the streets. I did not see anyone get arrested or the police in the DPRK shoot anyone dead! Visiting Brazil just once I saw the police push a young man against a wall at gunpoint one night but I have never seen such a thing in the DPRK. In the USA, the so called "land of the free", which is the country behind the clamour about "human rights" in the DPRK, the police regularly shoot down people most of them black. The British newspaper "The Guardian" said so far this year 944 people had been killed by police in the USA so far this year! In the UK armed police units have been responsible for the loss of life notably innocent Brazilian electrician Jean Charles De Menezes and Mark Duggan (which sparked the 2011 riots). I have never seen an armed police unit in the DPRK rush up and shoot a suspect nor heard the cry "armed police!" I did not see a single CCTV camera in the streets of Pyongyang whereas every London has CCTV cameras(there are up to 1.5 million in the UK), big brother is indeed watching you but in the DPRK but the so-called "free" and "democratic" UK!

Thus visiting the DPRK for the 10th time I could see very clearly the stories about "forced labour camps" in the DPRK are just hokum and nonsense, nothing but lies. There is no "human rights" problem in the DPRK. People enjoy the right to housing, to education, to free medical care, to work and even have holidays paid for a state expense! Many Western critics of the DPRK ignore the fact that everyone in the DPRK supports dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** and the Workers' Party of Korea and they are happy to build socialism. The great Juche idea which stresses the independence and creativity of man also always stresses the role of ideology, so there cannot be such a thing as a "human rights" problem. As my guide Ms Ri said ideology can never be imposed. This is the practice and the spirit of the Juche idea. This is the practice of the DPRK.

The real human rights violators are the US imperialists. It is the US imperialists who commit all sorts of crimes such as torture and germ warfare.

The U.S. is a living hell as elementary rights to existence are ruthlessly violated.

At present, an average of 300 000 people a week is registered as unemployed, but any proper measure has not been taken.

House prices soared 11.5 percent last year than 2012 and 13.2 percent in January this year than 2013, leaving many people homeless.

The number of impoverished people increased to 46.5 millions last year, and one sixth of the citizens and 20-odd percent of the children are in the grip of hunger in New York City.

All sorts of crimes rampant in the U.S. pose a serious threat to the people's rights to existence and their inviolable rights.

The U.S. government has monitored every movement of its citizens and foreigners, with many cameras and tapping devices and even drones involved, under the pretext of "national security".

Meanwhile, bills on easing arms control were adopted in various states of the country, boosting murderous crimes. As a result, the U.S. has witnessed an increasing number of gun-related crimes in all parts of the country and even its military bases this year. In this regard, the United Nations on April 10 put the U.S. on the top of the world list of homicide rates.

The U.S. also has 2.2 millions of prisoners at present, the highest number in the world. In fact the US has 4% of the world's population but 25% of the prisoners in the world. Some US prisons have been privatised enabling capitalist concerns to profit from people being imprisoned. The US also uses prison labour extensively while hypocritically complaining about the DPRK using labour camps.

A Russian TV said that in the U.S. the wealthy classes are now keen on the investment in providing private prisons for their high profit and so more people will be imprisoned.

Such poor human right records in the U.S. are an inevitable product of the ruling quarters' policy against humanity.

Its chief executive, Obama, indulges himself in luxury almost every day, squandering hundred millions of dollars on his foreign trip in disregard of his people's wretched life.

It is also President Obama who called for respect to the verdict of not guilty given to a white policeman's racialism and backed the unlawful monitoring and tapping activities.

The USA and other capitalist countries of the West actively carry out surveillance of the population and have repressive intelligence organs such as the CIA, FBI, Department of Homeland Security, MI5, MI6, Police Special branch and in south Korea the notorious "National Intelligence Service"(formerly the Agency for National Security Planning, formerly the south Korean Central Intelligence Agency). The US operated a network of secret prisons and carried out "rendition operations".

The US imperialists also committed the crime of germ warfare during the Fatherland Liberation War in the 1950s. The US imperialists waged biological warfare in Korea in the 1950-1953 in violation of the Geneva Protocol. The use of biological weapons was confirmed by an International Scientific Commission which included the respected British scientist Professor Joseph Needham and also by confessions of captured US personnel. In carrying out biological warfare against the Korean people the US imperialists utilised the services of Japanese war criminal Shiro Ishii of the notorious Unit 731.

During the Korean war the US carried out over 800 germ warfare sorties. The death toll from the US germ warfare ran

into thousands. This was a barbaric crime that was much worse than those committed by Hitler in the second world.

Thus the U.S. is the world's worst human right abuser and tundra of a human being's rights to existence and other imperialist countries such as the UK are no better.

The DPRK boasts many excellent leisure and recreational facilities which are either non existent or very expensive in London. In the past few years many new ones have been constructed. We watched a lively performance by the dolphins at the Rungna Dolphinarium. The Dolphins performed all kinds of tricks and interacted with the humans I was told it is very cheap to visit this place.

On my last day I visited the famous Munsu Water Park which had not been completed when I last visited in 2013. Dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** gave guidance to its construction many times. This place is incredibly large and it has the capacity for 10 000 people per day to attend. It has both indoor and outside facilities such as slides and a wave machine. The indoor pools have palm trees and a television screen. There was even a sports pitch on the roof top so there every centimetre of space is used It also has its own hairdressers, games room and an excellent coffee bar.

Eating out appeared to be fairly inexpensive in the DPRK. At my farewell meal I was able to enjoy lobster which is only eaten by rich people in my country. The meal was very reasonably priced only 58 euros between for 6 people including Soju (normally in London the same price would only buy a similar meal for two people). In a local coffee bar a cup of coffee and a cup of tea came to 3 Euros about £2.11 compared to £3.50 in London.

I had the privilege of meeting with for 5th time Pyongyang Mission of the Anti-Imperialist National Democratic Front of

south Korea, the vanguard revolutionaries of south Korea. I was shown a video about the US imperialist and south Korean puppet moves to tear up recent inter-Korean agreements and provoke war. They also showed me a video concerning the attempt to revise history books in south Korea in a way as to embellish both Japan's occupation of south Korea and the Park Chung Hee military fascist regime and also the struggle of the south Korean people against such a revision. In my discussions with the AINDF I stressed that Park Geun Hye styles herself on Thatcher(the reactionary conservative prime minister of the UK of the 1980s, the so-called "iron lady") but in reality Thatcher was a leader hated by many British people so that when she died some people came out on the streets to celebrate. The same will happen to Park Geun Hye and her fate will be the same as her fathers. I had some very good discussions with the AINDF and exchanged gifts with them. I was entertained by an excellent meal by the AINDF which included my favourite Korean hot pepper sauce

I was greatly honoured to meet Kim Ki Nam, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and shake his hand and say *Choson nodongdang manse*! (long live the Workers' Party of Korea) in Korean to him.

I had informal discussions over breakfast with Dr. Ogami Kenichi the secretary of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and Dr. Harish Gupta head of the Asian Regional Institute for the Study of the Juche Idea and had discussions with them. I also had the opportunity to meet the vice secretary general of the Social Scientists Society of Korea at a farewell meal on my last day in the DPRK, This was very reasonably priced as it came to 58 euros for 6 people even though it included lobster (an expensive delicacy in the UK eaten only by rich people).

CONCLUSION

The great leader generalissimo **KIM JONG IL** guided the Korean revolution for several decades. Under his leadership the DPRK became a socialist nuclear power of Juche and a satellite launching nation. Under the leadership of Chairman **KIM JONG IL** DPRK thwarted the desperate challenges of the imperialists and reactionaries against socialism.

The ideas and thoughts of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** burn ever more brightly and are undimmed by the passage of time. Indeed they are a lighthouse nay a lodestar guiding us through the fog of imperialism and capitalism.

Today the Korean people under the guidance of the dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** hold the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL** in high esteem as they complete the Juche revolutionary cause.

Marshal **KIM JONG UN** has led an upsurge of the building of a thriving socialist nation. Building after building has gone up, new streets such as Changjon Street, Unha Scientists Street and Mirae Scientists Street have appeared in rapid succession.

Marshal **KIM JONG UN** has continued the revolutionary Songun line and boosted the defence power of the DPRK, a hundred and a thousand fold.

The development of the H bomb by the DPRK is a great advance. It is another great victory for the Juche idea and a

victory for Songun politics. It shows how correct the DPRK's line of self-reliance is. It is another blow against US imperialism, the Japanese reactionaries, big power chauvinism and modern revisionism. It means that increasing the DPRK is on a level playing field with the US in terms of nuclear weaponry! About 110 years when Korea was on the brink of losing its independence to Japan, it could barely produce the basic rifles but now under the leadership of dear respected Marshal **KIM JONG UN** and under the banner of the great Songun policy the DPRK can produce A and H bombs, SLBMs, long range missiles, tanks and all kinds of weapons and military hardware. This is an achievement to behold.

Under the leadership of Marshal **KIM JONG UN** the Korean people will advance along the road of independence, Songun and socialism charted by the great leaders **KIM IL SUNG** and **KIM JONG IL**, bravely defying the imperialists and their theory of "collapse". The Korean people under the banner of **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism** will be ever victorious, true to the teachings of the great Chairman **KIM JONG IL**!

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